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Judge orders 11-year-old killers to be detained for 'very, very many years'

Boys guilty of Bulger murder



Robert Thompson, who was known in court as Child A



Denise Bulger, mother of James, arrives for her first visit to the court yesterday. She was in court for the verdicts

BY RONALD FAUX AND BILL FROST

THE youngest murderers in modern British criminal history were ordered yesterday to be detained for "very, very, many years" for the brutal killing of two-year-old James Bulger.

Robert Thompson and Jon Venables were wicked and cunning and had committed "acts of unparalleled evil and barbarity", the judge at Preston Crown Court said at the end of a 17-day trial.

The 11-year-old boys, who had been known throughout the trial as Child A and Child B, had both just been convicted of abducting and murdering James in February this year. The jury failed to reach a verdict on another charge that they attempted to abduct a second toddler on the same day and the charge was ordered to remain on the file.

The jury had spent five-and-a-half hours deliberating and after their verdicts were announced, Venables broke down in tears and said: "Would you please tell them I'm sorry." He then turned to his mother and told her to stop crying.

As Venables sat weeping quietly in the dock, the judge told the two: "This child of two was taken from his mother on a journey of over two miles and then on the railway line was battered to death without mercy. Then his body was placed across the railway line so it would be run over by a train in an attempt to conceal his murder. In my judgement your conduct was both cunning and very wicked."

He ordered that the pair be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure, adding that meant that they would be held for "very, very many years until the home secretary is satisfied you have matured and are fully rehabilitated and until you are no longer a danger to others".

The judge will make a private recommendation to Michael Howard about the length of time the boys should spend in custody. If, in future, the Parole Board were to recommend their release, the then home secretary would be guided by Mr Justice Morland's recommendation. That, in turn, can be increased or reduced by the Lord Chief Justice.

After the boys had been taken down, the judge continued his address to the court, which was attended by James's mother, Denise, for the first time. "How it came about that two mentally normal boys aged 10 and of average intelligence committed this terrible crime is hard to comprehend," Mr Justice Morland said. "It isn't for me to pass judgment on their upbringings, but I suspect that exposure to violent video films may in part be an explanation."

A month before James was abducted from the Strand shopping centre, Venables's father, had hired a horror film called *Child Play 3*. The story is about a doll which comes to life after being possessed by the the soul of a killer. The doll, which has paint splattered on its face, terrorises a group of young military cadets before it is destroyed by the boy hero of the film on a fairground ghost train.

Defence solicitors dismissed the similarity of the film to what the boys did to James as no more than a bizarre coincidence, and Mr Venables insisted that his son had not watched it.

The judge said the people of Bootle and Walton and all involved in the case would never forget the tragedy and appalling circumstances of James Bulger's murder. "It was an act of unparalleled evil and barbarity." The Bulger family had the sympathy of everyone. "Everyone in court will especially wish Mrs Bulger well in the months ahead and hope that her new baby will bring her peace and happiness. I hope that all closely involved in this case, whether witness or otherwise will find peace at Christmas time."

Sean Sexton, the Bulger family solicitor later spoke of the couple's relief that the trial was over. He said that James's parents found it very difficult to comprehend what had happened to their son. However, the verdicts were the only ones acceptable to the Bulgers. The couple hoped that any future Home Secretary asked to review the cases of Thompson and Venables would not consider releasing them until they no longer posed any danger to anybody else. "No sentence will ever bring James back. The trial may be over, but for Ralph and Denise the nightmare will never end."

Mr Sexton said that Mrs Bulger, who is expecting a baby next month, had decided to attend the last day of the trial having been insulated from the worst of the evidence by her family. "They kept her informed but obviously didn't go into the full horror of some of the evidence." Asked how she had reacted to the verdict, he said: "She said nothing, the only reaction was that she was very very upset but, as I say, she managed to remain composed."

In court, the judge also paid tribute to the skilful, fair and humane manner in which the police had conducted the prolonged and distressing interviews with the boys and said: "In fairness to Mrs Thompson

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Moment their masks cracked

BY ALAN HAMILTON

EMOTION has rarely betrayed itself on the faces of the two 11-year-old boys found guilty of the murder of James Bulger during a 17-day hearing that has exposed rare depths of wickedness. Yesterday, as the foreman of the jury pronounced the word "guilty" four times, the masks cracked.

At twelve minutes past five, the boys were led up the 24 steps from cells to dock, as they had been each morning and afternoon since the trial began, looking utterly impassive under the deathly pallor that is the result of months of institutional living. They were accompanied, as they have been throughout the trial, by two male social workers, who ensured that the boys never exchanged a word with each other.

As the grey-haired jury foreman — in a deep, steady voice with a trace of Lancashire accent — pronounced each boy guilty of abducting and murdering the Liverpool toddler, Jon Venables put his right hand to his face and wept openly. Robert Thompson clutched at his chest with his left hand taking big gulps of air.

Venables's parents, who had attended throughout the hearing, slumped forward, the father burying his head in his hands. Thompson's mother, who had been in court for part of the hearing, was absent for the greatest crisis in her son's life. He did not even turn to look for her.

At the rear of the court, in the public gallery, a different scene was being enacted. Denise Bulger, the victim's mother, who is expecting another baby shortly, ventured into court to catch her first sight of those who had murdered her son. She had arrived shortly before 10.30am, but had waited in an ante-room until just before the verdict was announced.

The rest of her family listened intently to the day's proceedings, as one or other has done throughout most of the hearing. Ralph Bulger attended the opening days of the trial, but abandoned his vigil on the grounds that reliving his son's death yet again imposed too great a strain.

Dressed in a long white aran cardigan and initially looking strained, even bewildered, Mrs Bulger entered the courtroom shortly before the jury's return and joined her family. Sitting quietly beside her husband and looking straight ahead, she could see only the close-cropped heads of her son's killers far in front of her. As they turned to be led back to the cells, she had one fleeting glimpse of their faces, but it was impossible to tell whether their features registered with her.

When the verdicts were announced, Det Supt Albert Kirby, who led the investigation, rose from his seat at the side of the court and kissed her. Mrs Bulger, perhaps for the first time in many months, looked pleased and relieved, as though that

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'In my judgment your conduct was both cunning and very wicked'

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Customs seize Ulster 'civil war' shipment

THE largest arms haul yet discovered in Britain, guns and explosives destined for Loyalist paramilitaries in Ulster, was seized from a Polish ship at Teesport, Cleveland, yesterday.

The cache, including more than 300 assault rifles, handguns, grenades and two tons of explosives, was found by Customs officers after an operation involving MI5, MI6 and the Polish intelligence service. The outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force admitted it had bought the arms, believed to have cost about £250,000.

The operation was praised by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, and Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister. Unionist politicians claimed a shipment of such size could be seen as preparation for civil war.

The find was announced hours before John Major met Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, to discuss fears raised by the leaking last week of a document setting out Dublin's peace proposals.

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Tube fault keeps 21,000 in the cold

THE worst snarl up in London Underground history left 21,000 commuters stranded for hours in freezing tunnels yesterday morning, and prompted criticism of government funding of the system.

Thousands had journeys to work disrupted when a power failure was followed by failure of the emergency back-up. The fault was traced to 70-year-old cable near Hainault on the Central Line.

Evening rush-hour was disrupted by a second Central Line power failure.

Five questioned on PC Dunne murder

DETECTIVES investigating the murder of police constable Patrick Dunne were last night questioning five men arrested after officers were shot at.

Officers from the Clapham murder squad and local detectives came under fire as they raided a house in Highbury Hill, north London. Four men were arrested at the scene on Tuesday night and a fifth was detained later in south London, a Scotland Yard spokesman said yesterday.

Two handguns and a shotgun were recovered at the scene. No shots were fired by the police, and no one was injured.

The five men were being questioned at separate police stations in London in connection with the murders last month of Constable Dunne, 44, and William Danso, a suspected drug dealer, in Clapham, south London. Constable Dunne was shot as he went to investigate a shooting after being called to sort out a domestic problem.

A Scotland Yard spokesman added: "All of those arrested will be questioned about a number of offences."



Blurred film images turned national focus on to young killers

THE small, plaintive face of James Bulger stared from every public building in Liverpool even before his mutilated body was discovered on the railway track at Walton (Ronald Faux writes). Posters issued by Merseyside police were placed across the city in the hope that they would stir the memories of those who had seen the two-year-old being taken from the shopping centre in Bootle on February 12.

For Det Supt Albert Kirby, who led the enquiry, the hunt for the abductors was probably one of the least complicated serious crimes Merseyside police had investigated. James's abduction was recorded on videotape security cameras in the Strand shopping centre and witnessed by 27 people, who at various times saw James being

THE POLICE HUNT

dragged and carried the two and a half miles to the railway track in Walton where he was stoned and beaten to death.

The abductors were caught on film leading James from the shopping centre by a dozen or more cameras. The images were hazy but were clear enough to alert the police to their ages.

Then witnesses came forward. Women had confronted them but mostly assumed they were three brothers. One woman almost intervened to take James to the police station. A schoolfriend of one boy spoke to them and later recognised James as the child with them. It must have been clear to both boys they would be recognised, yet they still went ahead with their murderous scheme.

More than 150 police officers, 5 per cent of the patrol and CID manpower, were committed to the enquiry, gathering evidence and taking scores of witness statements. They knew that, without strong leads or suspects within the first few days, the case could prove long and difficult.

Then, two days after he disappeared, James's body was found. Police secured the video tapes from the Strand centre and a security camera on an office wall half a mile away also showed the trio. Computer specialists enhanced the blurred images and the BBC *Crimewatch* programme projected them. More witnesses came forward as psychologists built up profiles of the abductors.

Already detectives had constructed an accurate picture of what had happened as increasing numbers of witnesses recognised the youngsters.

Police arrested and questioned a number of children whose description matched the wanted boys. Revulsion at the crime ran so deep that criminals were slipping into the police headquarters to offer help. Rewards for information rose to £40,000.

On February 17 a woman walked into Bootle police station and said that she recognised the two boys on the video because they were in her son's class at school. Shortly afterwards unmarked police cars drew up outside the homes of Robert Thompson and Jon Venables.

They were taken first to Walton Lane and Lower Lane police stations and questioned separately. Then began the 19 formal interviews with officers trained in interview techniques, taking a softly-softly approach to build a rapport with the boys. The interviews lasted between ten and 40 minutes. Ann Marie Thompson, Robert's mother, was there the whole time. Neil and Susan Venables, who are divorced, could not cope with the interviews and social workers stepped in.

The boys were held at the police stations, locked up at night but allowed to roam around the reception area between interviews, playing computer games and drawing with crayons. Monitoring showed that Mrs Thompson's presence was affecting the interviews because her son could not bring himself to admit what had happened. Police took them separately in unmarked cars along the route they had taken James and past the mound of flowers laid in tribute in Walton. When the interviews were completed, Thompson was transferred to one secure unit and Venables to another.

By then police had completed the minute examination of the railway track where James was found, and clothing had been been removed from the homes of both boys. Scientific tests were to link them both with the murder.

Mr Kirby said: "The only motive is there for anyone to see: that these two boys had actually started out on that Friday with the intention to kill. Why, I don't know. The only thing I can say is that I hope someone some time will take me to one side and say: 'Look, this is the reason, we think.' Otherwise I just don't know."

The arrest of the boys was not the end of the Bulger case, and nor should it be, Mr Kirby says. "There's something very seriously wrong with the health and welfare of two young boys who commit such an act. I only hope that the professional people who have the responsibility to deal with them and care for them can actually come up with the answers."

The images from the videotapes had suggested the boys were much older. After their arrest officers were amazed at how small they were. "When they went into court they were unable to sit on a chair without having to support themselves," Mr Kirby said.

Defendants' early distress soon gave way to boredom

By Ronald Faux

THE SCENE IN COURT

THE two boys sat between social workers in the dock at Preston Crown Court for three weeks as the jury heard the sickening evidence of James Bulger's murder. For the most part the pair listened impassively — two pale, plump boys with dark, neatly cut hair who were dressed in smart jackets and ties.

When they began to live out their warped fantasy in the Strand shopping centre on February 12, they little realised how notorious they would become.

Their minds could hardly have taken in the detail as Richard Henriques QC, prosecuting counsel, spelt out the case against them. They heard their lies thrown back at them and the evidence of what they had done presented in terrible clarity by pathologists, forensic scientists and witnesses.

Allowances were made for their age. Mr Justice Morland let the court sit between only 10.30am and 3.30pm, similar to a school day. The big square dock was raised on a platform so the boys could see over the brass rails.

It was the detail of James's tortured death that made jurors recoil from photographs of the scene and caused the boys themselves to sit ashen-faced, only occasionally showing their distress.

Robert Thompson, known throughout the trial as Child A, started looking fed up, occasionally stifling a yawn, from an early stage in the trial. Jon Venables, known as Child B, showed clear distress at first, crying and looking anxiously around towards his parents or the social worker sitting alongside him in the dock. Soon he, too, got used to the routine. He would sit slumped in his seat, crushing a tissue between his hands or twitching his fingers as if playing one of his favourite computer games.

Laurance Lee, Venables' solicitor, said: "He is like an animal in the circus now. He has become habituallised. I think that is why there are no tears. He gets very tired and wants to go home. He just wants the whole thing ending."

There was little contact between the two defendants. Occasionally one would shoot a surprised glance towards the other after hearing something he had said about him come out in evidence.

Thompson once knotted the four corners of a handkerchief and rested it on the back of his hand like a tent. Venables immediately copied him, they glanced at each other and a momentary half-smile flashed between them. Since their arrest on February 17 they have been held in separate secure accommodation. The opening of the trial was the first time they had set eyes on one another since their arrest and since 19 painstaking interviews with police officers winkled the truth from them.

The strangest moments came when tapes of the police interviews with the boys were played to the court. Watching their faces and hearing their childish tantrums and protestations echo around the court was as close as the court ever came to hearing them give evidence.

Even then the boys looked distant and restless at times. Thompson would pursue one of his favourite pastimes, trying to out-stare journalists on the press bench. Once he was heard to whisper "I am bored" to the social worker sitting next to him.



Mr Justice Morland: limited sitting hours

The boys were brought to court each day in separate police vans with blacked-out windows. Venables would have a teddy bear in a baseball cap with him for reassurance.

Between court sessions they would spend their time in two specially reserved rooms in the basement of the court. Thompson would chat to lawyers and social workers in a prison officer's office or play a game on a solicitor's laptop computer.

Venables would sit in the women prison officers' room, playing with toys and games brought with him from his secure unit. He also had a dartboard in the room and would play his lawyers, including Brian Walsh QC, 58, his leading counsel.

They rarely spoke as the evidence mounted up against them. The rusty metal bar that had been used to kill James was handed to the jury. The bloodstained bricks and stones, carefully wrapped in plastic, were exhibited to the court.

Thompson's mother made her first appearance well into the trial, when the teachers and psychiatrists were giving their evidence, and from then on came to court fairly regularly. A row of seats at the front of the public gallery was reserved for them, and members of the family came to court every day, transported by the police from their home in a white van. They were whisked into court each day via the judge's entrance at the side of the building, by-passing the intensive electronic security checks that became part of the daily grind of attending the case.

Some of the witnesses who had seen James with the children also broke down as they gave evidence. They had seen what appeared to be an everyday sight of two older lads with a youngster, but failed to register its significance because at the time it seemed so insignificant.

Mr Henriques offered them some comfort in his closing address to the jury. He said that each witness had been asked in court why they had not intervened.

"Each witness will have asked themselves that question a thousand times and will continue asking it. They will find some comfort in the fact that no one else intervened, making the same false but reasonable assumption that this was a family group and that the toddler had been entrusted to the older boys."

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James Bulger, whose tortured death in February shocked the nation

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'My son is devious, but he's not a murderer'

THE mother of Robert Thompson yesterday described him as a thief, a liar, a scally, devious and a truant — but, she said, he was not a murderer.

"They are all saying he told lies from beginning to end. Yes, he did tell some lies, but he also told the truth about one thing from beginning to end. He did not kill that baby.

"I honestly do believe him," said Mrs Thompson, mother of the boy known throughout the trial as Child A. She said she could not make sense of the tragedy of James Bulger's death, and had not even started asking Robert about it. As for the Bulgers, she said: "I couldn't even begin to say I'm sorry for what's happened. There's nothing you can say to that family."

Asked why her son stayed silent about events on the railway track where James was killed, she said: "Well, if you had just seen somebody slit somebody's head in, what kind of state would you be in?

"I know what kind of state I was in when I saw the pictures of the baby cut in two with all the gashes. That was only looking at a picture. What would it be like in real life?"

She said she had not asked the boy how he felt and had to be very careful with him, as his mind could now be suffering from what he had seen. "I will take it step by step and we'll get to the truth." Asked how it would end for her son, she said: "In a coffin."

Mrs Thompson added that she was being victimised. "They always blame the parents. It's a very difficult situation, when you face the world alone, the same as I'm doing now. We look over our shoulders. We don't go out. I have got one son left . . . He can't go to school. I am not sending my kids to school for another one to end up in prison."

Asked about any motive which could have caused the killing, such as glue-sniffing or a sexual background, Mrs

MOTHER'S ANGUISH

Thompson said: "I have asked for a doctor to get my son examined, because I know I have not sexually abused him in any way.

"I want help," she said. "I haven't had any help for five years. If they don't give me help, I'll show my face on TV and cry for help. They don't understand how I feel. I have been quoted by one social worker that I am strong, I can cope. I have got to cope. I am a mother. I've got other children to keep safe."

She said her son started playing truant in September last year. "I have no idea why, but that was when Jon Venables came on to the scene."

Her son was very cheeky, she said: "But I think that's part of me coming out in him. I liked the way he talked to the police [after his arrest] but they were putting a thing to him that he definitely saw something, then they'd say, 'But we think . . .' and he'd reply, 'What, you only think?' "

Mrs Thompson said hers was a marked family. "Name one family in the area who would have a good word for us. If things went missing from washing lines, people would say, 'It's the Thompsons.' I am not saying they are innocent, but they got blamed for things they did not do."

Asked why her son took James Bulger, she said: "I don't know why he was with that baby from the beginning. I want to find out. What I really think is, he's frightened of Jon Venables.

"And he won't admit it, because he actually said downstairs [in court] the other day, 'I feel like crying when I'm upstairs.' I said, 'Well, why don't you?' He said: 'Because all those people are looking and they would call me a baby . . . look at him crying.'

"The attitude when you live around Walton is you have to be tough, or else you don't survive."

Both boys guilty of murder

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and Mr and Mrs Venables, it is very much to their credit that during the police interviews they used every effort to get their sons to tell the truth." he also thanked counsel for their sensitive handling of the case.

The defence lawyers had, at the outset, sought to halt the trial claiming that the boys could never get a fair trial because of the massive publicity the case had provoked. David Turner, QC, for Thompson, had said that newspapers had suggested that the defendants were guilty by headlines, comment and innuendo, while Brian Walsh, QC, for Venables, said disgraceful and hysterical coverage had "poisoned the stream of justice".

The judge said then that the saturation coverage of the case went well beyond what was normal, and the extent and nature of the pre-trial publicity caused him concern, but he did not believe that meant a fair trial could not be held.

Asked last night about the evil nature of the murder, Det Supt Kirby said: "A statement the judge made was extremely well founded. There is no doubt in any of the minds of those involved in the investigation. These two boys were wicked beyond anyone's expectations, but not only wicked, they had a high degree of cunning and evil. They could foresee the questions tp be put to them and could counter the evidence which was to be put to them. To be able to do that indicates a degree of evil on their part. All you can say is that it was evil to the extreme."

The two boys will be the youngest people serving life sentences in Britain. They join ten other children — the youngest now 14 — detained indefinitely in secure units for serious violent or sexual crimes. The first review of their sentence will come three years before the date recommended by the judge or after 17 years, whichever is sooner.

Mary Bell, the 11-year-old convicted in 1968 of killing two young boys, was released on "life licence" after 11 years and five months. Now 35, she has a new name and an eight-year-old daughter.

Moment their masks cracked

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friendly kiss had suddenly lifted an intolerable burden.

After the murder verdicts were announced, the boys were briefly sent back to the cells while the jury retired once more, having so far failed to reach a verdict on the further charges of attempting to abduct another toddler.

At 5.45, the pair were led back. Venables tearful and distraught; Thompson by now weeping too. Richard Isaacson, junior counsel for Venables, approached the dock rail, looked directly at his client and said: "Come on, be brave."

But bravery had deserted the two, faced with the awesome majesty of the law, the final extraction of a price for their terrible deed, and the near biblical severity of tone from Mr Justice Morland.

The packed courtroom, which had allowed itself to utter an audible collective gasp at the first mention of the guilty verdicts for murder, sat in absolute silence as the judge sentenced thetwo boys to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure.

The boys, until now seated, stood to receive sentence. Their tears had momentarily stopped, replaced no doubt by a numbing realisation of what their futures now held. Thompson, in a crisp white shirt and tie displayed no flicker in his dark, deep sunk eyes. Venables, in a dark charcoal blazer, stood equally still and apparently in brief control of his feelings.

As the judge concluded his sentencing, the boys were suddenly and quickly hustled down the 24 steps that led to the end of childhood, of adolescence and of innocence.

Their departure from the normal world of growing up was accompanied by a low shout from the public gallery. Ray Matthews, Mrs Bulger's brother, asked in a voice all could hear: "How do you feel now, you little bastards?"

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Mother's first reaction to video was relief that James had been taken by two young boys

Parents wrestle with unanswered question — Why?

By Ronald Faux

THE BULGER FAMILY

THE baby Denise Bulger is expecting in the next month has given the couple a new focus that experts say will be a vital part of the healing process.

Mrs Bulger, 25, was not prepared to risk the baby by attending court regularly. Her husband, Ralph, attended the first week, sitting with clenched jaws through the horrors of the evidence.

"She is being very careful," said WPC Mandy Waller, the first policewoman on the scene in the Strand shopping centre where James disappeared, who was drawn inextricably into the family's grief. "She doesn't see the baby as a replacement. The new baby is going to be its own person. She just wants to get through the birth and have a happy, healthy child."

James, who was a month short of his third birthday, was the couple's first child. They had brought him up in their one-bedroom flat on the ground floor of Oak Towers, a council-owned block in Northwood, Kirkby. Mrs Bulger had been especially protective of James because three years earlier her first child had been stillborn.

She told WPC Waller soon after he was abducted: "James is always with me. I had a stillborn baby once and I think that this has made me very protective towards my son. I wouldn't want him to go to playschool or anything like that. He gets up when I get up and he goes to bed when I go."

Mrs Bulger was shopping with Nicola Bailey, her brother's fiancée, in a butcher's shop in the Strand precinct on Friday, February 12, when she realised that James, who had been close beside her, was no longer there. At first she searched frantically in nearby shops before running to the precinct's security office, where police were called.

WPC Waller, 31, a geography graduate from Liverpool University, was on duty in the Strand that day and tried to calm the frantic mother. Mrs Bulger told her that James had been missing for about three quarters of an hour. "You get a lot of missing kids but usually they turn up again after ten or fifteen minutes," WPC Waller said. "I put the details over on the radio and there was immediate concern because of the length of time. It wasn't so much a bad feeling but the thought was, 'Where could he have gone at that age?' "



Waller: spent long days consoling the Bulgers

She and Mrs Bulger searched the shops in the Strand together and then went to the police station to give more details. When Mr Bulger arrived WPC Waller went with him to the couple's home to collect photographs of James and two undeveloped films from a party. James had never gone missing before and his disappearance left his parents bewildered.

When the video film taken on the Strand's security cameras was released that night, Mrs Bulger went to the police station and confirmed that the small boy with the two older boys was her son. Her immediate reaction was to feel some relief: two boys had taken him, perhaps for a joke, and maybe had taken him home.

"The thought that they could have killed him was never a possibility. It just never entered their heads," WPC Waller said. Over the weekend she tried to keep up the Bulgers' spirits, but on the Sunday evening the news came through that James had been found dead.

At first police mistook his remains for a discarded doll. The news came through as WPC Waller was driving Mrs Bulger "for a breath of fresh air". They were recalled to the police station and Mrs Bulger realised immediately that something was wrong.

When she was given the news she screamed and wept. Mr Bulger, who had been out searching with his wife's brother, came back and his first question was, "Is it him?"

WPC Waller said: "I was upset. I must admit I was crying and there was no comfort I could give Denise. Nobody could at the time."

In the days that followed the Bulgers remained sheltered by their immediate family, with WPC Waller by their side. She had no special training in bereavement counselling, although she believes that was an advantage as her reactions were spontaneous. "If I had been trained in counselling I would have been thinking, 'Well, at this point I should be doing . . .'

"I think what has impressed everybody is Denise and Ralph's dignity throughout the whole thing. They are two very special but ordinary people. I don't think many other people would have dealt with it the same way. I suppose it has been an enriching experience from my point of view, but I wish it had never happened."

In the first weeks the couple reacted in different ways. Mrs Bulger would sit in the bedroom and speak only to close friends. Her husband needed people around him.

The Bulgers have a large extended family. Mrs Bulger has 12 brothers and sisters and there were many friends who rallied round.

From the outset the Bulgers welcomed WPC Waller and her colleague, Det Sgt Jimmy Green. "I have never felt uncomfortable about going to the house because I have always been made to feel very welcome," she said. "I felt at first that we were intruding but after it was explained what our role was to be, everyone was very good to us."

The overwhelming public response to the tragedy caught the family by surprise. Cards and letters started to arrive, then money and touching poems. WPC Waller said: "There were letters from women saying they had lost their children in shopping centres, which was a comfort because for the first few days I think she blamed herself. We said, 'There's no way you are to blame,' and I think those letters reinforced that."

Given the volume of publicity and the use of the video film on television, the Bulgers felt frustrated that the murderers were not traced sooner. WPC Waller said that the most difficult question they put to the police was: "Why? Why did they do it?"

"We said we didn't know why. We couldn't give any explanation . . . nobody still knows why they did it. There's no easy answer — there's no answer at all, really. Nobody can get their heads round the fact that it was two young lads."

The question of why no one had intervened was easier to answer. "To all intents and purposes this was two lads out with their brother. It's such a common sight around Bootle, with lots of kids taking younger kids out," WPC Waller said.

The family, discussed the possible punishment of the two boys and WPC Waller said they were worried that they could be sent to a secure unit and be out again in ten years. "Then they would still be only 20 or 21. That concerned them: that they would still be young enough to do it again."

One positive result of the tragedy has been a memorial appeal trust, into which donations of £161,000 have been poured. The money will be used to help the young people of Kirkby.

Mr Bulger defended Merseyside against the wave of bad publicity it received after James's death: "It's a great place, full of warm people," he said. "We certainly don't hold the city responsible."

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Denise and Ralph Bulger: "They are two very special but ordinary people"

Killers will be given chance to earn freedom

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

THE BOYS' DETENTION

JAMES Bulger's murderers began their sentences last night in two secure units in the North of England that are part of a network of facilities for the most violent, disturbed and dangerous youngsters.

The two boys, who are the youngest to be convicted of murder in modern penal history, will be kept apart for the duration of their indeterminate time in custody "at Her Majesty's pleasure". How long they remain incarcerated depends on members of the Parole Board, who will make recommendations to the home secretary.

If the boys respond well to education, psychiatric and psychological treatment, they could be successfully rehabilitated and released. For Mary Bell, the 11-year-old convicted of the manslaughter of two boys in 1968, freedom came after 12 years.

Barbara Kahan, a child care expert, said: "They are young enough and if they are given the care and treatment there is a chance they can overcome their difficulties and be rehabilitated. If they are allowed to stay in one place with the same staff, the unit will provide the kids with a feeling of security and acceptance. They won't initially be able to feel loved but perhaps accepted and then begins the long process of building up their feelings and self-esteem."

The boys will go to two of the 45 local authority secure units containing 297 places. The health department pays the weekly cost of £1,680 per person. They will remain in the child-care system until at least the age of 18, when they can be transferred to a Young Offenders' Institution and at 21 to a prison.

They join a further seven youngsters detained at Her Majesty's pleasure after convictions for murder and three others serving life sentences. Four of the ten are in council-run secure units and the rest in youth treatment centres.

A survey of 103 people sentenced under section 53 of the Children and Young Persons Act for manslaughter or other serious offences found that 40 per cent were reconvicted of an offence within two years of leaving a secure unit.

The units, surrounded by a high fence or wall, are often part of a complex containing a children's home. Youngsters in the secure unit are not allowed to mix with those from the home and must have permission from the home secretary to go outside the perimeter fence.

Secure units have locked doors throughout, including the single bedrooms the boys will occupy. Each has a heavy door with a viewing panel and non-breakable glass in the windows.

They offer the boys many educational and recreational opportunities. Some units have educational complexes with classrooms, workshops, gyms and gardens. Each unit has a common room with books and a television that they can watch every day. They will follow the national curriculum during compulsory classes of between 22 and 27½ hours a week and can sit examinations.

For the three months after sentence, the boys will be assessed by educationists, clinical psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and care staff. They will delve deep into the family background and look at the medical and educational needs of the child before recommending to the health department where they should be held for the long term.

Typical weekdays for children in units run as follows:

7.30am: Doors to rooms opened by care staff. Get up, wash, shower and dress.

8.15: Breakfast, then back to house unit and chores. Will be expected to make their beds, keep rooms and day areas reasonably clean.

9am-noon: School with a mid-morning break. May be one teacher to three children. At times they may be away from class for psychological or psychiatric treatment.

12.30pm: Lunch, then break.

1.30-3.45: School.

3.45: Return to house room for recreation. Some units have sports halls.

5pm: Tea. Evenings will be spent on activities. Often children will be split into small groups. Planned activities could include sport, art and woodwork.

8pm: Younger children start going to bed.

10pm: All children in bed, doors locked.

Families must now learn to live with the fact that two of their sons are convicted murderers

'There is no remorse — he does not accept he has done wrong'

CHILD A

ROBERT Thompson, known throughout the trial as Child A, was born August 23, 1982, into a large family that had originally come to Liverpool from Ireland (Ronald Faux writes).

He is the fifth boy in the family and was frequently bullied by his older brothers David, 19, Peter, 16, Ian, 15, and Philip, 14. The family lived in the Walton area of the city and the parents frequently moved house, but home life was relatively stable until the father, Robert Thompson, walked out in October 1988.

Young Robert was six at the time and by then had another brother, Ryan, three years younger. Until that point the family had been reasonably happy, but Ann Marie Thompson reacted badly to the separation. The family's problems were compounded when they returned from a visit to their grandmother to discover that their home had burnt down.

They lived for a time in a hostel until they were rehoused by the council in a Victorian terraced house rented from the Liverpool Housing Trust Charity.

Robert continued to lived with his mother, who had a seventh boy Ben, by another man ten months ago. Mrs Thompson was frequently seen drinking in a local pub and picking up a reputation as a troublemaker. She worked as an office cleaner until the youngest child was born, when she had to give up work.

Robert had no record as a troublemaker, but his mother lost control of her other children who became well-known to the Liverpool social services department. Eventually all his older brothers were taken into care, one voluntarily after his mother allegedly hit him with a cane. Robert was known to neighbours and staff at his school as a sly, manipulative child and a natural liar who frequently played truant. The family had a pattern of bullying with each older boy picking on his younger brothers.

Robert began to pass on the family habit of bullying on to other children and some mothers began trying to keep their youngsters away from him. Some of the children were frightened of him and at St Mary's primary school in Walton he acquired the sinister nickname Damian.

Another woman whose home is opposite where the family lived until the boy's arrest said people thought the problem lay with his mother, who was regarded as a "moaner, a troublemaker and fighter".

The woman said: "We always got on. I decided I'd make up my own mind. Her house was a bit rough and ready but they certainly didn't live in squalor. It was a bit untidy; sort of looked lived in."

The neighbour recalled searching the streets until 11pm one night when her own son had gone off with Robert. When she told Mrs Thompson, she allegedly replied: "Oh yeah." From that time, she banned her son from playing with the boy. When they disappeared, I would always be running round like a loony and she never seemed to give it a second thought.

"I went to see her and she had no qualms about me banning my son from seeing the boy if it was going to be better for both of them."

Social services began taking an interest in the Thompson boys after reports from their school of truancy and bad behaviour.

At the pub where Mrs Thompson used to drink, regulars spoke of her inability to control her children. "She was a sad case, a woman who had taken to the ale because there was no other way to deal with the rotten hand which life had dealt her," said one.

Robert's poor attendance at school (he played truant on 49 half days in the autumn term of 1992) meant that he fell behind academically and was kept in a lower age group. Mrs Thompson became concerned about his school record and this year began meeting her son from school every afternoon. Even so, Robert was absent for 37 out of a possible 60 half days up to half term.

Ann Marie Thompson was there when the tape recordings of the first police interview with Robert were played. His protests of innocence rang all the more hollow because everyone in the court knew that what he said was lies.

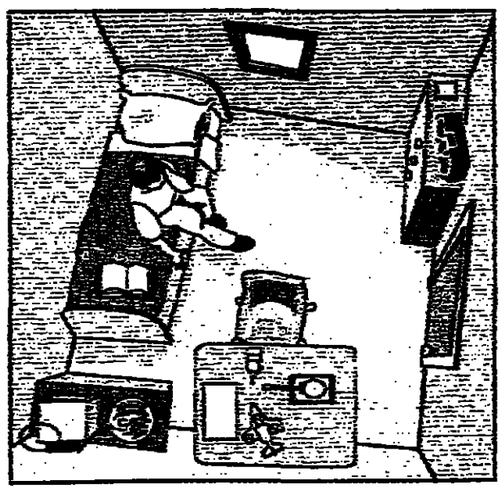
As the facts slowly emerged, both boys changed their stories to fit them until, after more than ten interviews carried out separately, they were blaming each other for James's murder.

Since his arrest, Robert has become obsessed with the murder scene, suffering flashbacks to events on the railway track. "He is not accepting at all that he did it," said a source close to him. "He has convinced himself that he played no part in the killing.

"He will talk quite easily about it all. Sometimes he does cry but there is no remorse because he doesn't accept he has done anything he has to be sorry for."

The source said children at the school where the two boys were once classmates have said in statements that they had been invited to join the pair's gang rather than others "because we're going to kill someone".

"It may have started out as bravado about wanting to kill someone but then things got out of hand and they found it was really happening."



A drawing of the room where Thompson was detained: he had model aircraft but no posters

'Jon has had a lot more love and attention than some children'

CHILD B

NEIL and Susan Venables, the parents of Child B, Jon Venables, often sat close by him in the well of the court, staring without expression at the bench in front or bowing their heads as the clinical detail of James's murder was presented to the jury (Ronald Faux writes).

Jon was born on August 13, 1982, and comes from a loving family. He has a brother Mark, 13, and a sister Michelle, 9. Although his parents are divorced, at the time of James murder they were trying for a reconciliation. During the week he with his mother in Norris Green and spent many weekends with his father in Walton.

He was, Mrs Venables said, a loving, caring boy, but hyperactive and easily led. "He's one of those children who if you told him to put his hand in the fire he would. He didn't want to hurt him [James] but he was weak and he was provoked."

His brother and sister both attended a special school for children with moderate learning difficulties. Jon had not been in trouble previously, although he is remembered at his junior school as being unruly and disruptive. One outburst of violent behaviour is recalled when he apparently grabbed another boy from behind and held a ruler against his throat. It took two women to break his grip.

Jon would behave in bizarre ways to draw attention to himself, rocking backwards and forwards in class, moaning and making strange noises. He would bang his head on furniture and revolve along classroom walls pulling down work displays. He was suspended but never expelled from the school and in 1992 he moved to St Mary's, which Robert Thompson attended.

The two immediately struck up a friendship. The Venables were aware of the friendship because friends had warned them not to let their son play with Robert. Before the two met, Jon had no history of truancy, but after a year together both frequently went missing from school.

On the day James was killed, Jon had gone off to school happy because he would be bringing the school gerbils home for half-term.

When Mr Venables went to collect him he was told his son had gone missing. He walked round for a couple of hours looking for him and Mrs Venables went to look for him — coming, as she later recalled, within yards of stumbling over James Bulger's body. Susan Venables, 36, broke down and wept as she recalled standing in the dark shouting her son's name on the railway embankment. She had reported her son missing to police.

Shortly after, she spotted the two boys going into a video shop and grabbed both of them. Her son was filthy and, in her anger and frustration, Mrs Venables took him to Walton Lane police station and asked a police officer to give him "a good telling-off".

Since his arrest, Jon has said very little about the murder. Laurance Lee, his solicitor, said he got to know the child by playing computer games with him. "He has never explained why. The psychiatrists say there is extreme trauma. We don't know if it is because of what happened or if it existed before. He is a very emotional boy, shy and timid."

One suggestion, that the boy was influenced by a horror film called *Child's Play 3* which his father had hired in the month before James's murder, has been rejected by his parents, police and defence lawyers. Mr Venables insisted that his son had not seen the video and Jon denied ever watching it.

Mr Lee said: "He does express remorse to his mother. He has told me he wishes he could put the clock back. He has nightmares and flashbacks to the incident. When we get to the stage of who did what, he clams up.

"When we started he had a mental block, with uncontrollable tears every time something was mentioned. We still haven't got a full story of what happened on the railway line and will never get from him the truth of who did what."

Mrs Venables said when they talked about it her son mentioned James now and then, but became upset. "He says, 'I know Mum.' He is broken-hearted over it."

She did not believe they had gone wrong as parents. "He has had a lot more love and attention than a lot of children I know."

Mr Lee said the boy's parents had been "extremely dignified", and were now back living together. "With hindsight, people say that is the kind of family that can result in crime, but they were a perfectly happy family. Although split they were together for the sake of the children and made a lot of joint decisions."

Mr Lee said that since his arrest, Jon had come to regard the secure unit where he was held as a sanctuary. "I think he is scared of the outside world now. He was given a new identity when he went there."

Mr Lee said Jon had gained more than two stone in weight since going to the unit. "He is not getting exercise because the social workers fear he will run off.

"He has no intention of running off. He wants to remain in the safety of that sanctuary."



A drawing of Jon Venables' room during detention: he had *Beano* and *Dandy* comics

Huge arms haul sets off Ulster war alert

By Paul Wilkinson and Michael Evans

A Democratic Unionist leader warns that Polish weapons destined for Loyalist terrorists point to a Bosnia scenario

THE seizure of hundreds of guns and two tons of explosives destined for Loyalist paramilitaries — the largest arms haul discovered in Britain — have prompted warnings of an Ulster civil war.

An operation involving MI5, MI6 and the Polish intelligence service led to 300 AKM assault rifles, hand guns, grenades and two tons of explosive being found by customs officers early yesterday on a Polish-registered ship after it docked at Teesport, Cleveland.

They were bound for an address in the Protestant area of east Belfast. The outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force admitted last night that it bought the arms and is believed to have paid about £250,000.

Peter Robinson, of the Democratic Unionist Party, told BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*: "The size and magnitude of this cargo was not to restock the depleted resources of a terrorist organisation. This was to arm an army. This was preparation for war, much more than any terrorist campaign." He said John Major and Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, were going down the road of betrayal and "if this is what is going on, we are heading for a Bosnia kind of situation".

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, last night described the seizure as "an example of the continuing success of the law enforcement agencies in both the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the fight against the evils of terrorism". Mr Reynolds praised the authorities for intercepting the "deadly cargo".

Poland has huge stocks of surplus arms and the Polish intelligence service has been trying to keep track of black market sales. The original tip-off to MI6 came from Poland's equivalent to MI5, the Office of State Protection. MI6 told MI5, which began a co-ordinated surveillance operation with the Poles. The vessel, the 6,500-tonne MV *Inowroclaw*, a 13-year-old cargo freighter, left the Polish port of Gdynia on November 19. The Polish information was so precise that customs officers at Teesport were able to single out one container among the 100 on board. It was offloaded and opened inside a dockside warehouse.

The ship's manifest listed the 20ft container as holding ceramic tiles and pots but it was crammed with a huge quantity of arms and explosives. All the cache is believed to have been made in Poland.

It is thought that the arms would have been taken across Britain by lorry and loaded on a container ship bound for Belfast. Plans to follow the load all the way and arrest the terrorists were abandoned as too risky. There have been no arrests so far. The ship's crew were cleared of complicity in the plot.

CARL RUTHERFORD



Part of the arms consignment seized from a Polish ship at Teesport yesterday

Reynolds tries to ease unionist fear

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

ALBERT Reynolds assured unionists yesterday that their fears of a sell-out were groundless, while John Major struggled to maintain the momentum of his Northern Ireland peace initiative.

After the warning by James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, about the fears of the province's professional and middle classes, Mr Reynolds said their suspicions of betrayal were unfounded.

"We are not asking the unionists to make any commitments about the future: we are setting out our support for the stopping of killing in the North of Ireland," Mr Reynolds said.

He emphasised that he and Ireland's deputy prime minister, Dick Spring, who is also foreign minister with a key input on Dublin's Northern Ireland policy, were prepared to meet the Unionists for unconditional talks. "I will go anywhere at any time to talk to any political leader," he said. "Nobody should attach any fears or suspicions to our initiative for peace."

In London, however, the government reacted soberly to Mr Molyneaux's warning in the Commons. Ministers recognise that effectively he has a veto on the peace process.

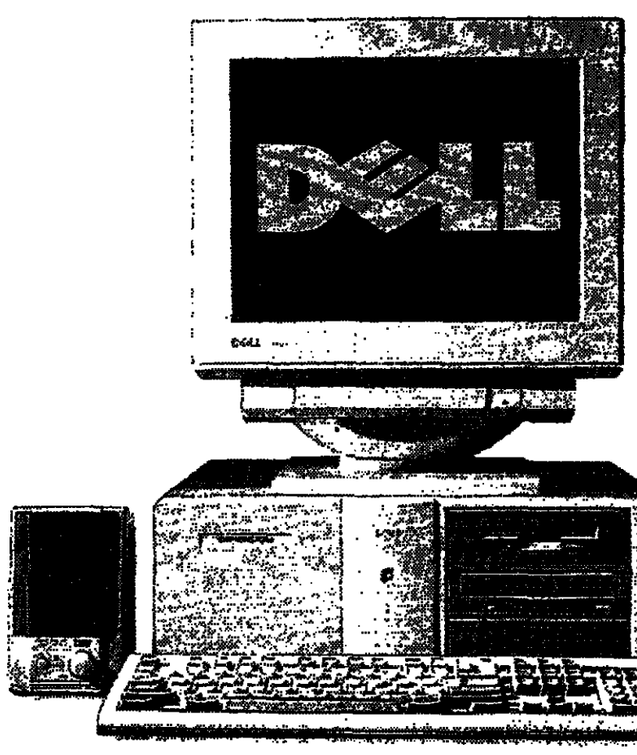
Officials emphasised that the government saw no advantage in setting deadlines and that at times the process would have to slow down.

It was also conceded for the first time that the leak last week of a draft Irish paper calling on Mr Major to accept the legitimacy of the aspiration of a united Ireland "has had a damaging effect on the process".

Mr Reynolds said yesterday: "There was a different mood in the unionist community before it appeared."

It was disclosed yesterday that the prime minister has set up a special cabinet group to oversee the peace initiative. Members include Douglas Hurd, foreign secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Northern Ireland secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, defence secretary, and Michael Howard, home secretary. Mr Reynolds again said that a date for his Ulster summit with Mr Major in Dublin had still to be fixed, but he read nothing sinister into London's failure to announce timing.

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Royals 'got extra rations'

By Andrew Pierce

THE royal family secretly claimed hundreds of extra ration coupons during the second world war, according to an article in a respected historical journal.

King George VI and the Queen Mother are said to have sidestepped food rationing and received a huge allowance in clothing coupons while their subjects struggled to keep themselves clothed and fed, *History Today* reports.

The article, written by Dr Ina Zweiniger-Bargielowska, of University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, claims that the royal couple's participation in the wartime fair-shares policy was a myth. She writes: "The propaganda image of strict adherence to rationing restrictions is misleading and exaggerated, particularly with regard to clothes rationing."

There was a little-known period of public resentment at their luxurious lifestyle in the austere 1940s, says the former fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford, who researched papers at the Public Record Office.

Weekend break plan at schools

By John O'Leary
Education Education

LEADING independent girls' schools are considering offering activity weekends for day pupils from other schools in an attempt to revive boarding.

A working party of the Girls' Schools Association, which includes such top schools as Roedean and Benenden, has backed the plan to stimulate flagging national demand for residential places. The number of boarders has been dropping consistently for over a decade.

The scheme was outlined at the association's annual conference in Stratford-upon-Avon yesterday. Initially, weekend places would be offered to independent day schools, but the offer could be extended to state schools later.

Weekends — for boys or girls — might have a sporting or social theme, catering for musicians or technologists, who might tackle a project such as building a bridge or an aeroplane. Other possibilities include charity fund-raising events or training weekends for school leavers.

Ministry 'bypassed arms export policy'

By Michael Dynes, Whitehall Correspondent

TRADE and industry officials bypassed ministerial procedures designed to prevent exports of defence equipment to Iraq, Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair was told yesterday.

Civil servants took it upon themselves to grant export licences for machine tools destined for the 1988 Baghdad arms fair without obtaining prior approval of Foreign Office and defence ministers, the enquiry was told.

The machine tools, made by Matrix Churchill, were exported on temporary licences and never returned to Britain. They were sold to an Iraqi arms factory to help build ballistic missiles.

Eric Beston, former trade and industry department head of export controls, said he did not know the licences had been granted without Foreign Office and defence ministry approval. He said they had been approved because Matrix Churchill was in a hurry to ship the equipment.

Asked by Lord Justice Scott if he thought that was "an acceptable reason for short-circuiting the system needed for getting ministerial approval", Mr Beston said he would have launched his own enquiry into the affair if he had known what had happened.

He said he spent more time dealing with antiques and works of art which were of higher priority than defence sales to Iraq. "It was an area which tended to involve large expensive things owned by rich and powerful people."

He also said he had "lost sight" of a licence application from Matrix Churchill to supply equipment to an Iraqi plant known to be working on a missile project. "I was on holiday. By the time I got back I forgot about it."

Officials also failed to act on an MI6 warning in 1987 that UK firms were supplying equipment to Iraqi munitions plants. The hearing continues.

Mr Norman Barnett

Mr Norman Barnett, senior partner of the East London law firm of Norman H Barnett & Co, has no connection with a solicitor of the same surname who was criticised by the prosecution when a murder trial collapsed at the Old Bailey (report, November 23).

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Dealer who made neighbours' life hell may go to jail

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A MAN who for years tormented his neighbours in the Surrey village of Addlestone was convicted of unlawful wounding yesterday.

Christopher Fulke-Greville, a car dealer whose feuds with neighbours culminated in his attacking an 80-year-old man with a garden fork, was remanded in custody until December 17 awaiting reports.

Judge Hull QC told the jury at Guildford Crown Court to dismiss a charge of affray but told Fulke-Greville that he was considering a custodial sentence.

Fulke-Greville, 42, who sold cars from his back garden, had taunted his elderly neighbours in Addlestone for the past six years but had won a series of court cases arising from his disputes with them.

Shani Barnes, for the prosecution, said that Fulke-Greville had sprayed the car of Henry George, 80, with paint stripper. When Mr George was rubbing the car down for respraying, Fulke-Greville warned him him not to bother, as he would do it again. He then threatened to burn Mr George's house down.

In evidence Mr George, a retired Fleet Street printer, said that he had picked up a garden fork and shaken it at his tormentor saying: "Any more trouble and you will get some of this."

He then walked across from his home towards the back yard of Fulke-Greville's house. "The next thing I knew was that he threw me on the ground in the yard and he hit me with the fork. He shut the gate and said to me, 'You'll never get out of here alive.' He struck me with a fork on my forehead. He struck me with a brick on the back of the head."

Mr George managed to escape only when another neighbour, Cedric Newton Fawssett, 54, arrived carrying a length of wood with which he had been mending a gate.

Fulke-Greville drove Mr Newton Fawssett back by throwing a brick at him but the distraction allowed Mr George to get away. He needed 17 stitches and was taken to hospital with delayed shock.

After the conviction the police officer who investigated the incident said Fulke-Greville had made life a living hell for his neighbours.

Det Constable Michael Sims said: "He has been a constant thorn in the side of police and the locals. There have been many allegations against Mr Fulke-Greville but we have been in a position where we have not had the evidence to convict him."

Neighbours in court were jubilant at the verdict. Frederick Ferrari, 81, a former variety artist, said afterwards: "It has been a misery living near him. He threatened to kill us and have us all out. I have had my car sprayed with superglue and a headlamp broken. When we complained police told us not to confront him because he was dangerous."

The court heard that Fulke-Greville had convictions for car "clocking" and trade descriptions offences, but had won court cases arising from his disputes with neighbours.

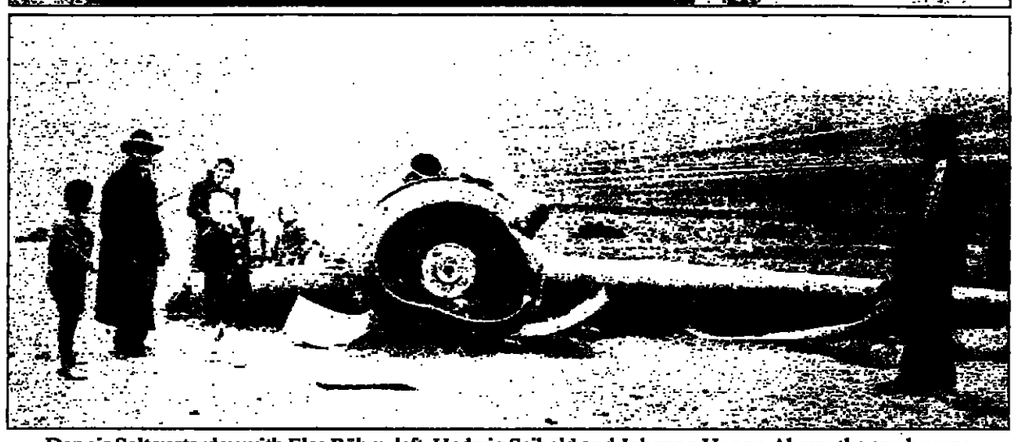


Fulke-Greville: had won cases against neighbours



George: attacked with a brick and garden fork





Dennis Salt yesterday with Else Röhm, left, Hedwig Seibold and Johanna Hoppe. Above: the crash scene

World war airman fêtes his rescuers

BY IAN MURRAY

THREE German women flew to Birmingham yesterday to visit the RAF airman they saved when his bomber was shot down near their Black Forest village in March, 1944.

Dennis Salt, then 20, was a wireless operator on a Halifax bound for Stuttgart from RAF Selby in Yorkshire. An enemy shell blew off his legs, but he managed to bale out of the plane, landing in a deep snowdrift. The intense cold staunched his bleeding.

Several of the villagers who found him said he should be executed, but a Red Cross nurse called Johanna and two of her friends pleaded for his life.

"I couldn't understand what they were saying, but somehow I knew they cared about what was to become of me," Mr Salt said. "They treated me like a fellow German."

Frau Johanna Hoppe, Frau Hedwig Seibold and Frau Else Röhm traced him three years ago through an advertisement in the RAF Air Crew Association magazine, *Intercom*. Mr Salt, who settled in Birmingham after the war, was invited to the village of Unter Jesingen and fêted.

Yesterday's return visit to England was organised by Bob Taylor, a former squadron leader in the RAF, with help from the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.

Political correctness booed offstage by panto writer

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

CINDERELLA'S aesthetically challenged sisters will not be making a politically correct appearance on this year's pantomime circuit. Nor will Snow White or her seven vertically disadvantaged co-stars have to change their names. The new *Encyclopedia of Pantomime*, launched yesterday, describes the last bastion of British political incorrectness.

Wicked stepmothers, charming princes and idle young men are archetypes beyond the reach of fashionable PC alternatives, according to John Morley, doyen of panto and author of the tome. The large-breasted Widow Twankey, and her foolish Chinese sidekick Wishee Washee, will remain gloriously incorrect. Mr Morley's volume is the result of 50 years in the business.

Aged 70, he has written many pantomimes, including some for stars such as Arthur Askey, Les Dawson, Roy Hudd and Frankie Howerd. An extract from his *Dick Whittington* has been, to his great surprise, included in the National Curriculum.

The encylopaedia, published by Gale Research International, defines Snow White as "a beautiful young princess with skin as white as snow, rosy red cheeks and black hair"; her stepmother as "the archetypal villainess"; the comic female dame as "quick to take offence, vulgar, vain"; and the two ugly sisters as "tall, lean and arrogant while the other is short, fat and slow-witted".

Mr Morley said: "You can't make pantomime politically correct and you wouldn't want to. It's part of folklore."

On average, 200 productions of his pantomimes are presented each year, many outside Britain. In America, home of political correctness, his work is not always understood.

"Roy Hudd's Idle Jack in *Dick Whittington* was played by a good-looking Spanish 23-year-old when it was put on there. Not with the same effect.

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This Saturday in The Times Magazine

Patten in clampdown on campus closed shop

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS to curb the political activities of student unions and control their use of public money were published yesterday by John Patten, the education secretary.

Campus unions will be required to hold annual secret ballots to affiliate to the National Union of Students (NUS), regarded by ministers as the last remaining closed shop, under the new education bill. The reforms also aim to stamp out "professional students" by limiting people to holding one sabbatical union office while at any institution.

The NUS criticised ministers because regulations detailing which core services will continue to be funded by the state, with money channelled through universities and colleges, were not published with the bill. They are expected to safeguard core services of sport, student representation, welfare and catering.

Mr Patten said the reforms would apply the voluntary principle to campus unions and herald a new era of democracy for students. "We want to give students the power to choose for themselves what collective involvement they want. At the same time, we wish to secure democratic and financial accountability in student unions."

University and college authorities will be made to draw up codes of practice to govern the conduct of their unions.

The bill also restructures teacher training, with the creation of an agency to direct funding towards schools, rather than universities and colleges that run the courses.



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Minister promises more beds for critically ill children

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

■ Six years after experts warned of shortfalls in paediatric intensive care, children's lives are still being put at risk

A HEALTH minister promised immediate action yesterday to improve care for critically ill children after an official report showed that every paediatric intensive care unit in the country had turned away patients because of a shortage of beds and nurses.

The authors of the report said it would be very surprising if children had not died because of the shortfall. Survival prospects were considerably better for a critically ill child treated in a paediatric intensive care unit but only half were able to gain admission to one.



Mawhinney: "We need to extend our facilities"

Dr Brian Mawhinney, health minister, ordered health authorities to start a review of their intensive care provision and said the NHS management executive would hold them to account. He told the Commons: "We need to extend our existing facilities and training programmes."

David Blunkett, shadow health secretary, accused the government of passing the buck. "Planning intensive care facilities across the country is the job of the government," he said.

The report, by the British Paediatric Association (BPA), exposes gross inadequacies in health service provision for children. Half the 12,000 children who needed intensive care in 1991 were treated in adult units, where equipment was the wrong size and design and staff were not trained to care for children, or on ordinary children's wards. Staff levels were below the recommended minimum in eight out of ten paediatric intensive care units and many beds were closed.

Dr Peter Fleming, chairman of the BPA working party that produced the report, the largest study of children's intensive care, said there had been "no significant increase" in staff or beds since a survey by the association six years ago showed similar shortcomings.

"Every one of us has had to refuse admission to desperately sick children with heart defects, respiratory failure or infections such as meningitis. When a child becomes critically ill, things can move very fast. They may be at death's door within minutes. Staff who are not trained to recognise the subtle signs may miss the boat and fail to recognise that this is a life threatening illness." Dr Fleming said that the review would "not go very far" without extra funds.

A minimum of 73 more beds was required nationally in paediatric intensive care units, on top of the existing 209, and at least 1,000 more trained nurses. Dr Fleming said. The report called for a "rapid, centrally co-ordinated funded initiative, specifically directed towards alleviating the most severe problems in children's intensive care".

ADRIAN BROOKS



Eddie Hitchcox, a British Rail driver, accompanies human versions of *Thunderbirds* puppets Virgil and Scott Tracy at King's Cross station, London, yesterday at the launch of a new rescue service. Four Thunderbirds locomotives, small trains that will speed engineers to troublespots along InterCity's main lines between London and Scotland, were unveiled by Gerry Anderson, the television series creator

Overcrowded prisons to get new cells for 2,000

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

CELL blocks for 2,000 inmates are to be built at prisons in the North West and Midlands to cope with a huge increase in the jail population.

A disused detention centre in Lancashire will reopen as a prison for 300 and ministers may let the privately run Wolds remand jail take convicted prisoners.

Other emergency measures being planned in England and Wales include opening disused army camps and hiring a floating barge. Private companies bidding to run a new jail in Doncaster have been asked to provide costs for taking 300 inmates more than the 720 for which it was designed.

About 15 blocks, each containing 120 cells, will be built at Liverpool and other jails in the North West. Other prisons that may have blocks built include Derby and Hull. As they will take up to 18 months to complete, the prison service is likely to resort to emergency measures to deal with the rising prison population. Within the past few days, police cells have been used for the first time since the expensive practice was ended in February. Seventeen prisoners were turned away from Strangeways because of overcrowding and the ban on overtime by the Prison Officers' Association.

Michael Howard, the home secretary, said yesterday: "I have always made it clear that there must be enough prison places for people sent to custody by the courts. Potential sites have been identified and I expect work to start on the first of the new cell blocks in 1994."

Each block will provide cells with lavatories for 120 prisoners, on two or three landings. Some kitchens and visiting areas will be enlarged and extra workshops provided to cope with the increase. The cost will be met from existing budgets and major refurbishment will be postponed, but the prison service said that it still hoped to end slopping out by the end of next year.

Prison numbers have risen from 43,545 this time last year to 47,388 last week, 726 above the recommended total for the 133 jails in England and Wales. The service is considering reopening Oxford jail and halting the closure of Lancaster prison. Buckley Hall in Greater Manchester, a former detention centre closed in 1989, will be converted to hold up to 300 prisoners.

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Health board chief forced to resign

The chairman of Greater Glasgow Health Board was forced to resign yesterday after a no-confidence vote by five non-executive board members. The resignation of William Fyfe comes only eight months after he took up the post.

After passing the motion, the five non-executive directors called for Mr Fyfe's resignation, saying that correct procedures had not been followed when he dismissed Laurence Peterken, the board's general manager, earlier this month. The Scottish Office later said that Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, accepted Mr Fyfe's resignation.

Girl sentenced

A girl of 16 was sentenced to 120 hours' community service yesterday for a "vicious and sadistic" attack on two boys aged 10 in the grounds of a Dundee school in September last year. The girl, who cannot be named, was found guilty at Dundee Sheriff Court earlier this month, with a boy of 15 on whom a psychiatric report is being prepared.

Royal train claim

Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, is to investigate Labour claims that the government was involved in deception over £730,000 of British Rail pension money. Brian Wilson, the shadow rail minister, alleged that a Commons library document "sought to obfuscate the link" between money taken from the pension fund "and given to the royal train".

Mortgage cash arrest

A solicitor has been arrested in connection with a £7 million fraud investigation in Brighton. The 41-year-old lawyer was detained as part of a two-year enquiry into allegations of fraudulent mortgage applications. Eleven other people have been questioned in connection with the allegations. All have been released on police bail.

'Champagne' case sunk

A vineyard has failed in a final effort to give the name champagne to its elderflower drink. French champagne houses successfully appealed in June against a High Court decision that Allbev could use the name for the sparkling soft drink. Now the company has been refused permission to take the case to the House of Lords.

£1m theft denied

An airport security guard accused of stealing nearly £1 million in foreign currency claimed he received only £30,000. Philip Wells was thought to have fled to Florida but went to Malta and Tashkent before returning to Britain, Isleworth Crown Court, west London, was told. Wells, of no fixed address, denies stealing the currency and an alternative charge of handling it. He admits possessing and using a false passport. The trial continues.

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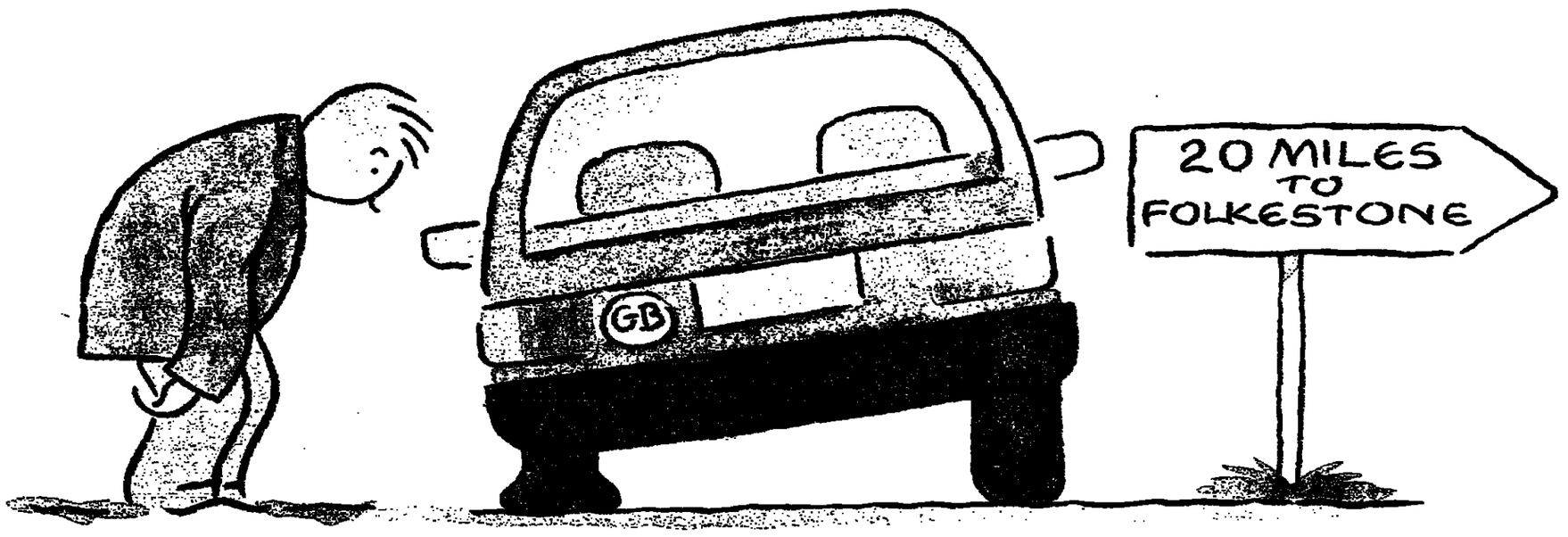
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MPs and peers to question spymasters

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

■ Activities of the intelligence services are being laid open to parliamentary scrutiny, although discussions will not be in public

A COMMITTEE of six MPs and peers, which will be able to question the heads of the three intelligence services, is to be set up under a bill published yesterday.

The first parliamentary scrutiny of MI5, MI6 and GCHQ, the communications monitoring centre in Cheltenham, is outlined in the intelligence services bill, seen as the latest example of greater government openness.

The response to questions from members of the proposed Intelligence and Security Committee will be left to the discretion of the three service heads, Sir Colin McColl, chief of MI6, Stella Rimington, director-general of MI5, and Sir John Adye, director of GCHQ.

Michael Howard, the home secretary, who is responsible for MI5, and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, responsible for MI6 and GCHQ, will be able to override any decision to refuse information to the committee if they feel it would be in the public interest.

Each member of the committee will have to be an MP or a peer and ministers will be excluded. As reported in *The Times* three months ago, there is no stipulation that they should be privy counsellors.

The committee will publish an annual report, but if the prime minister considers any part might be prejudicial to the three services' operations, he may remove the relevant sections before it is laid before Parliament.

The heads of the services will be able to withhold information to the committee if they feel it might lead to the identification of sources or operational methods. Unlike select committees, which are held in public, the intelligence committee will meet in a room at the Cabinet Office.

The bill also proposes a tribunal for people who wish to complain about operations against them by MI6 or GCHQ, similar to the tribunal that exists within MI5, set up under the Security Service Act 1989. In addition to the parliamentary committee, a commissioner, who will be a senior judge, will be appointed to monitor the foreign secretary's powers in relation to MI6 and GCHQ.

The bill, which is not expected to be given royal assent until next spring or summer, lays down the ground rules under which MI6 and GCHQ staff can operate. MI6 must act only in the interests of national security, the economic well-being of the United Kingdom and to prevent or detect serious crime. Both agencies are prohibited from taking action to further the interests of any political party.

To protect MI6 officers abroad, whose functions are known to include illegal acts, the bill stipulates that an officer will not be liable for prosecution if the foreign secretary has authorised the operation.



Auction bottles, top, from the incident recreated in the film *Whisky Galore*

Whisky fetches money galore

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

FOURTEEN bottles from the wreck of *Whisky Galore* fame were auctioned yesterday for £11,400, more than twice the sale estimate.

They were the last bottles to be sold from a salvage operation in 1990 on the SS *Politician*, which sank off the Western Isles in 1941. The plundering of the wreck by determined islanders was portrayed in Compton MacKenzie's 1947 novel, turned into an Ealing comedy a year later.

The bottles were the star attraction at Christie's £97,900 whisky auction in Glasgow. The most expensive, a bottle of Haig Dimple, was bought for £1,210 (estimate £400-£600) by United Distillers for a travelling whisky exhibition. Six bottles were bought for £4,730 by Charan Gill, who owns a chain of Indian restaurants in Glasgow, and the rest by private individuals.

The *Politician* went down while heading for Jamaica with 264,750 bottles of Scotch on board. The islanders soon discovered that while the boat was guarded by day, it was left unprotected by night.

Seamus Campbell, who was to spend 30 days in jail for looting, was one of the first on board. He and a friend took seven cases. "We thought we would make it last, but within a week it was gone and we sailed back for more," he said.

The sale bottles were accompanied by a letter from Customs and Excise confirming the strength of the whisky at 74 proof, but it is unlikely that many will be used to toast the new year. A spokeswoman for Christie's said: "I'm told it does not taste very nice. There is certainly alcohol in it but I think it would taste a bit salty."

Mr Gill said: "Of the bottles I bought, there is one which is supposedly quite good. And if a special occasion comes up, I may break it open. It's for looking at and maybe for me to taste."

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Rampaging pigs land farmer in prison

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A FARMER has been jailed for breaching an injunction issued to prevent his pigs digging up land at a school.

Bernard Newcombe, 70, whose farm backs on to the grounds of Howsham Hall, near York, had been ordered by York County Court to stop his pigs causing damage to the school grounds, with any breach resulting in an automatic 28 days' jail.

The sentence was put into effect yesterday by Judge Jack Walker after the school complained that the pigs were still roaming onto the land.

The judge told Newcombe: "I have tried to help you and have given you every opportunity to fence in your pigs but it seems you are just being obstinate."

Simon Knock, 43, joint headmaster of the school, said: "We had no alternative but to take the farmer back to court. Within 12 days of getting the suspended sentence, his pigs were back ruining our land. I have no feeling of triumph. For years the farmer has been causing damage and danger to the school and our young pupils by not adequately fencing in his pigs. When you get a fully mature boar facing up to you, it can be quite frightening, especially for a child."

He said that the pigs had wrecked cricket and football pitches and ruined lawn turf. "The last thing I wanted to be responsible for was having someone go to jail, but I'm afraid he had every chance," Mr Knock said.

Officials of the National Farmers' Union were trying to find a temporary home for Mr Newcombe's herd of 15 pigs last night.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Joyride on 3 wheels by drunk boy

A drunken 14-year-old boy drove at 50mph on a dual carriageway with only three tyres on his car. He left an eight-mile trail of burnt rubber and was stopped only after an alarmed driver called police on his mobile telephone.

The boy told police: "I think I've got a flat tyre. Do you think I will make it home?" He failed a roadside breath test and was arrested.

The boy had taken his sister's 13-year-old Mini from the family home in Willand, Devon, and was on his way home from visiting his girl friend in Tiverton when a front tyre blew out. Police have sent a file on the case to the Crown Prosecution Service and the social services.

Murder charge

Roger Severs, 37, the son of Derek Severs, a former ICI executive, and his wife Eileen, both 68, was remanded in custody at Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, charged with their murder.

200-mile chase

Two men were being questioned at Newbury after a 200-mile chase from Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, that ended when they came off the road.

False hostage

A young woman who was held with a knife to her throat during a £2,500 building society robbery in Glastonbury, Somerset, was later seen running away with the raider.

Eton death

Gordon Daniel, 17, an Eton College pupil, was killed while parascending with the school's combined cadet force.

Rivers at risk from colliery shutdown

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of miles of rivers and streams, including the Trent, the Wear and the Erewash, are under threat from pollution because of the closure of coal mines.

An environmental research group, The Clean Rivers Trust, said yesterday that waterways and building foundations were already being undermined by heavily polluted water rising from disused workings where pumping had been abandoned.

The latest closures represent an "environmental time bomb", it said in a report launched at the House of Commons. Several MPs, including Paddy Tipping, Labour MP for Sherwood, signed an early day motion calling for a Commons debate.

The report came as British Coal announced that it was closing Wearmouth colliery in Sunderland, Britain's oldest pit, because there was no market for its coal. Wearmouth, opened in 1826, was reprieved by the government in March. It has 670 workers.

Harvey Wood, the trust's co-ordinator, said: "When a pit like Wearmouth closes, the environmental problems begin. You never know where the water will pop up. It could seep into building foundations, which will cause major problems."

In some areas, such as Nottinghamshire, which the report concentrates on, pumping at one working mine is helping to control water from a large number of abandoned workings. "The Annesley Bentinck mine has to manage the drainage of more than 20 abandoned mines ... this colliery has a limited life and will close in under three years," Mr Wood said.

Mr Wood said some rivers and streams were in danger of running dry when mines closed because they were fed by treated minewater.

The trust wants the law strengthened to ensure that British Coal and other mining companies can be held responsible for pollution from abandoned mines. British Coal last week agreed that it would consult the National Rivers Authority about pit closures. But privately officials fear they are powerless unless the law is strengthened.

The Anglers Co-operative Association will today launch legal action in Cardiff Crown Court against British Coal. It alleges that the Rhymney in South Wales became polluted after pumping gear was switched off at a mine.

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Portillo proposal to curb state pension opens rift in cabinet

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT



A CABINET split is emerging over the future of state pensions which now account for nearly a third of the £80 billion social security budget. Although retirement pensions are expected to be one of the main casualties of Michael Portillo's review of welfare spending, Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, is resisting early changes.

Mr Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury, has made it clear that he supports a scheme to encourage those below 40-45 to opt out of the state scheme and make their own private provision. Mr Portillo believes that action must be taken in the near future to stop this group from becoming an intolerable burden in the next century.

By the year 2000 spending on retirement pensions is expected to increase to about £30 billion and will rise steeply in the following two decades unless changes are made.

While Mr Lilley shares Mr Portillo's view that welfare spending needs to be curbed, he points out that such a move would initially involve substantial extra state spending. It would also be unpopular, alarming the "grey voters".

Mr Lilley argues that the number of pensioners is due to level off until the next century, putting less pressure on the government. Mr Portillo has nevertheless asked social security officials to draw up proposals to "examine the scope for extending the opting out of contributory benefits and the greater use of private provision for contingencies ... in particular retirement."

By February next year officials are expected to devise a voluntary scheme "for opting out of entitlement to basic state pension through private provision being made initially by younger people", according to a social security document.

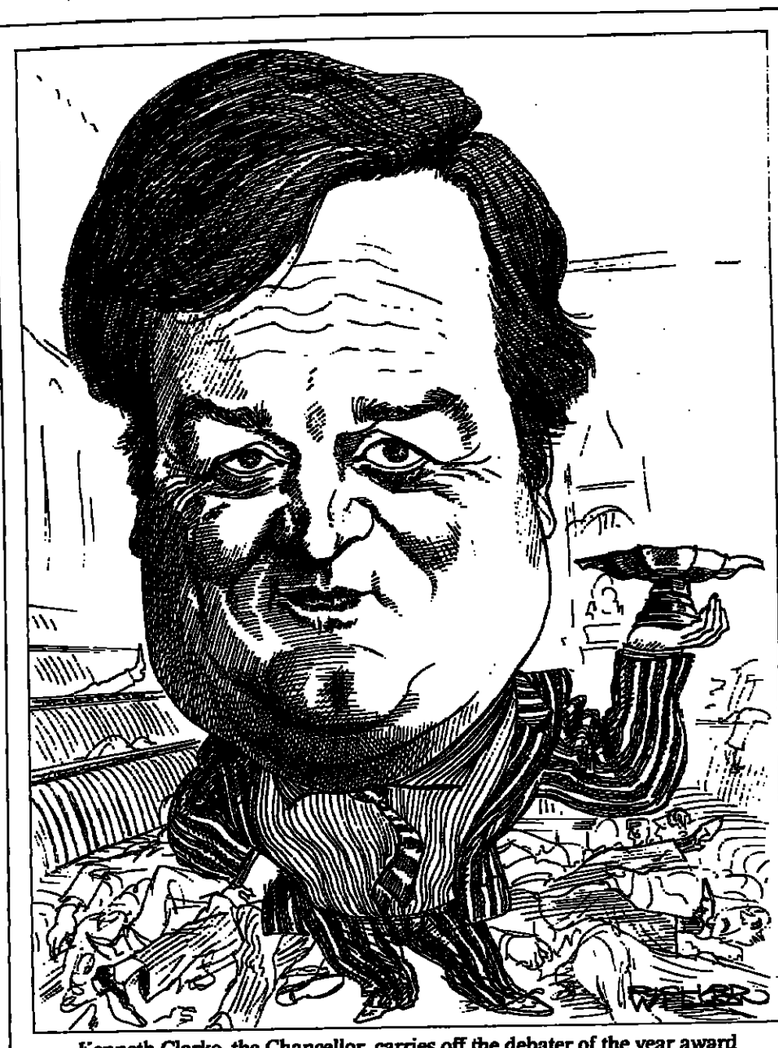
At present the government spends about £27 billion on retirement pensions for nearly ten million people. The basic state pension is £56.10 a week for a single person and £89.80 for a couple. It can be topped up by the state earnings related pension (Serps) which costs about £1.4 billion a year.

Those supporting an opting out scheme argue that the government has already paved the way by encouraging people to opt out of the earnings related element of pensions. They deny that the plan would be prohibitively expensive.

Others who are more sceptical argue that young people would not be able to afford to pay enough into private schemes, even aided by reduced national insurance contributions.

Although the opting out plan was actively discussed in the early part of the social security review, last May /June, any changes are now expected to await the next parliament.

The pensions bill will nonetheless contain some controversial measures, including raising the retirement age for women to 65. The legislation will also include sweeping reforms of occupational pensions. Next week's Budget could also curb tax privileges for private pension schemes.



Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, carries off the debater of the year award

Clarke talks himself into award

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

KENNETH Clarke took a break from Budget preparations yesterday to receive an award as parliamentary debater of the year.

The Chancellor joked at the Parliamentarian of the Year awards, organised by Highland Park Whisky and *The Spectator*, that it might be the last time he was invited because of the "dire" conclusions he had reached for next week's Budget. Mr Clarke revelled in Baroness Thatcher's description of him in her memoirs as a "bruiser". When he was driven or removed from office he did not intend to go to the Lords but to haunt the corridors of the Commons, hounding and persecuting his successors.

The award of Parliamentarian of the Year went jointly to George Robertson, the shadow Scottish secretary and former European affairs spokesman, and Geoff Hoon, Labour MP for Ashfield. Together they laid the "ticking timebomb" trap that led to the government being defeated on the social chapter during the Maastricht bill.

Backbencher of the year was Sir Peter Tapsell, the Tory MP for Lindsey East, and the member to watch was Nicholas Soames, the junior agriculture minister.

Staff freeze 'hits war on fraud'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

UNDERSTAFFING of fraud investigation teams was blamed yesterday for the failure to combat benefit theft, which is costing taxpayers millions of pounds a year. An MPs' report urged ministers to recruit more staff to counter the rapid rise in organised fraud, which undercover investigators believe is now being run from continental Europe and Africa.

Organised fraud, the fastest-growing form of benefit theft, involves gangs making multiple false social security claims, sometimes running into hundreds of thousands of pounds. However, the Commons public accounts committee complains that, "in the face of rising losses through organised fraud, and the high cost-effectiveness of the staff currently engaged in combating it, staff numbers have been increased only marginally and no further increase is expected at present".

Although the number of investigation staff increased over six years from 78 to 240, only ten have been added recently and no further appointments are planned.

The criticisms will undermine claims by Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, that his anti-fraud campaign, aimed at stopping £1 billion worth of false claims, is proving successful.

Heseltine comeback

BY ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

MICHAEL Heseltine stormed back to the Commons yesterday with an attack on John Smith, and his shadow, Robin Cook. His robust performance had even Labour MPs singing his praises.

The President of the Board of Trade, who had a heart attack in June, said that Mr Smith was now flirting with big business leaders, but he had a hidden agenda. He was, Mr Heseltine said, trying to impose Euro-socialism on Britain. Mr Cook, he said, was cynically scaring those most vulnerable, whether miners or NHS patients. He was the "chill factor in the body politic".

He promised that his deregulation bill, while sweeping away unnecessary impediments to business and enterprise, would protect the vulnerable, the public, the heritage and the countryside. And he promised that his bill to privatise the mining industry would not lower safety standards in the pits.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Old trouper of the Commons panto opens new season

Rejoice, fans of the parliamentary panto-mime: Michael Heseltine is back! Yesterday's performance had been eagerly awaited. It was his first Commons speech since the heart attack five months ago. Heseltine has been seen often on parade, but always silent. Might the fire have gone out? Might the master have lost his touch?

Those who know him suspected the news would be good. To Heseltine-watchers the maestro's appearance, mute, at Blackpool was anything but a sign of illness. It was final proof of a total cardiac comeback. For the first time in his life, the great man remained speechless on the podium. A deputy, Tim Sainsbury, made a quiet, unsensational speech.

Nothing, absolutely nothing, could put a more intolerable strain on the Heseltine heart than that. Deprived of an opportunity to speak! Forced to keep his mouth shut while an inferior addressed the multitude! This was the ultimate test. Top surgeons assembled in a nearby laboratory studied the Heseltine cardiograph print-out as Sainsbury spoke; noted the huge strain on his entire nervous system; cheered as his heart kept pumping; and pronounced his cardiac system healthy.

Perhaps the critical moment at Blackpool was when Sainsbury sat down, right beside Heseltine, and a thousand delegates applauded *him*. Sainsbury. Heseltine's lips tightened, his jaw worked, his eyes narrowed in suffering to slits — but his blood pressure remained within acceptable bounds.

Friends, then, suspected, before the President of the Board of Trade even rose yesterday, that all would be well. We were not disappointed.

It was a thin House. Histrionics in a half-empty Chamber can sound ridiculous. Robin Cook, his Labour shadow, had attempted one of his grave and gritty harangues on the plight of industry but, with few behind him to cheer, it fell flat.

Heseltine would have been forgiven for a low-key speech: for not making this the big test. "Trial run at Market Raison, rather than Gold Cup at Cheltenham," whispered a colleague to me.

Michael Heseltine treated it like the Gold Cup. Careless of whether there were many to hear, he launched into a shameless blockbuster of a speech, tearing into the Labour party, pouring scorn on Cook and Smith, lauding the magnificent achievements of British industry under his own visionary leadership, thumping the dispatch box and waving his arms ... and rousing the scattering of Tories behind him to attention, then interest, then excitement, and finally a great wave of cheering.

"Six thousand fingers", he cried, "clawed at the throats of the government front bench," when the Opposition claimed that the insolvency of Leyland-Daf would bring 6,000 job losses. The job losses had never occurred. Instead, there had been new jobs. And where were those fingers now? "Stuck, all 6,000 of them, in the dikes of Labour's crumbling allegations!"

When the president sat down, order papers fluttered in the air behind him, and Labour were left, slumped and sulking, across the benches opposite. His speech had been almost entirely devoid of content, but who cared? It had worked.

"It's good to see him back on form," said Labour's David Cabom, chairman of the energy select committee, ruefully.

"If he wants to help me make a full recovery, he'll avoid inviting me before his select committee again," grinned Heseltine.

I noticed that his hands were shaking. But they always have.

In Parliament

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Kinkel invites Britain into 'the heart of Europe'



In an interview ahead of today's summit, Bonn's foreign minister tells ***Roger Boyes*** *how Britain can balance the Franco-German relationship*

BRITAIN and Germany will try today to patch up some of their recent quarrels on Iran and German steel subsidies, and develop a joint foreign policy initiative within the European Union.

Herr Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, speaking to The Times on the eve of the Anglo-German summit, said Bonn and London were working on a plan that would help shape a common European policy. Although neither Herr Kinkel nor British officials were willing to disclose details, the minister made clear it would be modelled on the recent Franco-German initiative on Bosnia.

The Bosnian project — to suspend some sanctions, in return for Serbian territorial concessions, and to resist the blocking of aid convoys — was backed by the European Union earlier this week. It was the first joint action under the Maastricht treaty, and Herr Kinkel said he was keen to keep up the impetus with an Anglo-German effort on a "matter that has traditionally concerned both of our countries".

German newspapers have described the Anglo-German relationship as being in the "deep freeze". Certainly the Germans were badly bruised by Baroness Thatcher's memoirs, which among other things portrayed Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, as a provincial politician and described the German character as "swerving between aggression and self-doubt".

The suspicion has taken root in Bonn that John Major's policy on Germany, although more sensitively packaged, may not be fundamentally different from that of his predecessor. In 1991 the prime minister made his first important policy speech in Bonn, promising to bring Britain into the "heart of Europe". Yet despite widespread agreement on fundamental issues — such as the Gatt agreement — there seems to be very little dynamism in the relationship.

Herr Kinkel indicated that the time had come to change that. First, though, Anglo-German friction would have to be eased. Bonn, despite unusually strong British criticism, insists on maintaining an active relationship with Iran. German officials recently received Ali Fallahiyan, the Iranian police minister.

"Douglas Hurd and I have talked about this subject," Herr Kinkel said. "We want a constructive super-critical dialogue ... we see exactly all the things that Britain criticises, from terrorism to nuclear proliferation, from Rushdie to whatever." But Bonn, it is clear, will not budge. Germany is also ready to badger Britain on its blocking of steel subsidies for the lame east German Ekostahl plant.

"We will certainly raise this subject at the summit," the minister said. Both Mr Hurd and Michael Heseltine, president of the Board of Trade, who are accompanying the prime minister for the five hours of talks, are likely to have their ears bent.

But the tone of the Anglo-German relationship does seem to be shifting. Herr Kinkel singled out Mr Major's support for the siting of the European Monetary Institute in Frankfurt and said: "That was a very important point for the British-German relationship."

German diplomats believe that a Thatcherite lobby still strongly colours the Conservative line on Germany and the feeling was that Mr Major had somehow struggled with, and overcome, this lobby in eventually agreeing to the Frankfurt location. "Mrs Thatcher would never have allowed it," a senior German official said.



Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and Klaus Kinkel in parliament yesterday

Another straw in the wind is Bosnia. A few months ago the British ambassador to Bonn, Sir Nigel Broomfield, took the unusual step of publicly protesting about German press criticism of London's policy in the Balkans. Germany was accusing Britain of giving solace to Serbia in an attempt to restrain German influence in southeast Europe. Now this spat has been settled and Herr Kinkel can say with some amazement that "there are no serious problems" with Britain over Bosnia.

Mr Hurd swung behind the Franco-German initiative despite his reservations about using more force to deliver aid.

The question nagging the summiteers will be if the Anglo-German relationship, in this new, mobile world, can add up to anything more than a smoothly functioning, politely smiling, rather robotic partnership.

Herr Kinkel plundered the thesaurus to depict the relationship with London: "Unspectacular ... a quiet alliance ... open ... friendly ... solid ... dependable ... professional." He might have been describing his dentist.

It will take some time for the British to achieve the intimacy that the French seem to enjoy with Bonn, and it is not even clear that this is a serious British objective. Yet there is a view that the standstill in, or slow historical decline of, the Franco-German relationship should be matched by a more active British alliance with Bonn.

In Britain this is still a minority view, but in Bonn it is gaining ground. Herr Kinkel, though repeatedly invited to do so, refused to be rude about France.

It is plain, however, that on substantial matters, Bonn is now much closer to London than it is to Paris. Herr Kinkel grouped France and Britain together, as friends of more or less equal standing. "Together with Britain and France lots can happen in Europe; without Britain and France practically nothing happens."

But on the main agenda of today's summit — the run-up to the European Council meeting on December 10, the Gatt deadline of December 15, the Nato leaders conference on January 10 — Bonn seems to be aligned with London rather than Paris. France, has to be understood, Herr Kinkel emphasised. "Despite industrialisation, France is a very strongly agrarian country and therefore tends to be more protectionist in its farming policies."

On the Nato summit — President Clinton's first outing to Europe as US leader — Britain and Germany again understand each other well. Britain's close relationship with the United States was "something that France cannot give us," Herr Kinkel said.

The British prime minister and his cabinet colleagues thus arrive in Bonn with something of an open invitation: to take up again the "heart of Europe" theme and help right the balance of the rather distorted relationship that exists between France and Germany.

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Hint of Clinton compromise raises hopes for Gatt accord

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

AFTER months of barricading behind immovable positions, the Clinton administration is expected to show some flexibility in the world trade talks — with only 20 days to go until a deadline imposed by America.

A successful Gatt deal would cement President Clinton's free trade credentials after his victory in Congress last week over the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta). A Gatt failure would reverse much of the political momentum he has derived from Nafta. For the Europeans it has been hard to judge whether the US trade representative, Mickey Kantor, and other US officials are bluffing, when they insist that they will not renegotiate last year's Blair House agreement on agricultural subsidies, an accord that is heavily opposed by France.

But during the two days of talks between Sir Leon Brittan, the European trade commissioner, and Mr Kantor this week, some small movement in the negotiating position appears to have taken place. While Mr Kantor remains firmly opposed to renegotiation — which, officially, the Europeans are not even asking for — he indicated during a press conference Tuesday that he would be open to Sir Leon's request of "clarification" or "interpretation", provided this did not constitute a front for renegotiation.

A series of meetings to be held in Europe next week will have a major bearing on the resolution of Gatt. Mr Kantor is provisionally scheduled to come to Brussels next Wednesday, and his visit will coincide with the first day of a two-day visit to Brussels by Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State.

Alain Juppé, the French foreign minister, hinted at important decisions next week when he promised the French national assembly that it would have an opportunity to vote on a Gatt deal. M Juppé urged the negotiators to produce an outline agreement by December 2. The French and German governments are scheduled to hold a top-level summit next Tuesday and Wednesday which may be crucial in determining the EC's position. France can carry out its often-repeated threat to block a Gatt agreement only if Germany tolerates such obstruction. Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, said that the Washington talks had met none of France's demands. French requests define the EC's position in two of the most difficult unresolved issues: farm subsidies and film and television imports. French interests feature prominently in most of the other problem areas: aeronautics, public procurement, steel and the powers of a new body supervising the world's trade rules.



Brittan: "clarification" request accepted by US

Close observers of the talks note that the dispute between Europe and the United States is to some degree semantic. The substantive changes sought by the Europeans relate to the way in which a six-year, 21 per cent cut in export subsidies — a central part of the Blair House agreement — is to be phased in. The Europeans are pressing for a gradual, back-loaded reduction in subsidies.

Mr Kantor said that Mr Clinton would want a Gatt deal, though not at any price. But the political price of a Gatt failure for Mr Clinton would be significantly higher than a compromise on a few detailed trade issues.

Politically more sensitive than the Blair House agreement is the area of textiles, especially after Mr Clinton pushed some lawmakers into backing Nafta by promising that he would seek a longer phasing-out period of the Multi-Fibre Agreement protecting textiles industries.

AC Milan chief backs neo-Fascist

FROM YANN TESSIER IN ROME

SILVIO Berlusconi, a media baron and the chairman of AC Milan football club, sparked a furore yesterday by backing the neo-Fascist candidate for mayor of Rome.

Political commentators and pressure groups denounced Signor Berlusconi's support for Gianfranco Fini, leader of the neo-Fascist Movimento Sociale Italiano, who has won through to a run-off election on December 5.

More than 200 journalists at the industrialist's Mondadori publishing company, which produces the weekly *Panorama* news magazine, held a one-day strike, saying they would not be used to further his political ambitions. Signor Fini won more than 35 per cent of the first vote in Rome last weekend and faces Francesco Rutelli, a left-winger who polled almost 40 per cent.

Signor Berlusconi's chairmanship of the football club and ownership of three national television channels have made him a household name and his backing could give Signor Fini a vital boost. "I am not a Fascist, but I do not accept attempts to use anti-Fascism as a form of blackmail," he said.

Signor Berlusconi started the controversy when he said that he would vote for Signor Fini if he lived in Rome, saying the neo-Fascist leader was a better alternative to the left. "If I lived in Rome, I would not hesitate for a second," said the businessman, who was once renowned for his close links to the Socialist Party of Bettino Craxi. *(Reuter)*

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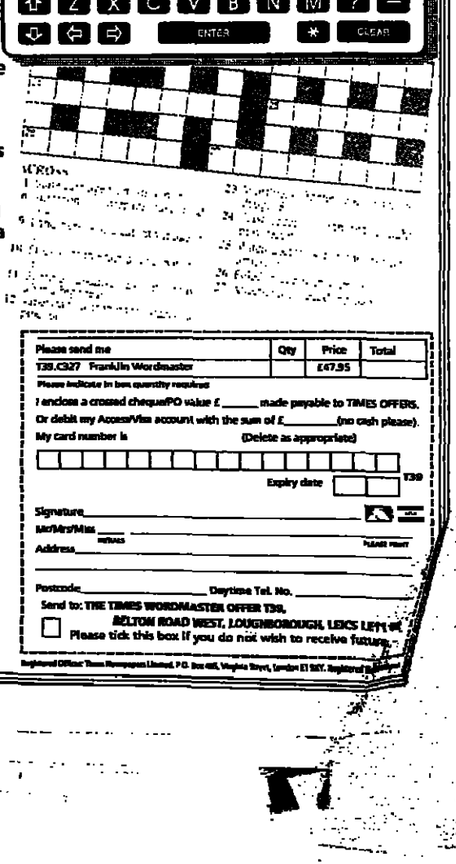
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Israeli reservists threaten to defy withdrawal orders

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ A fifth of the part-time soldiers on whom Mr Rabin is depending oppose the peace accord. The settlers are successfully stirring up the threat of mass disobedience

ISRAEL yesterday faced serious opposition from within the military to the peace agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, after nearly one-fifth of reserve soldiers said they opposed the imminent withdrawal from the occupied territories.

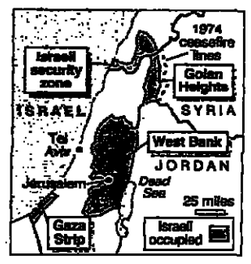
In the latest challenge to Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister and defence minister, a sizeable minority of part-time soldiers, essential to the smooth and safe execution of the agreement, indicated its opposition less than three weeks before the accord is due to be completed.

An opinion poll published yesterday in the Hebrew daily *Yedioth Ahronoth* found that 80 per cent of reserve soldiers would participate in the evacuation of Israeli military camps in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho. However, 13 per cent said they would request to be released of the duty and 6 per cent said they would refuse to obey orders.

The threat of mass military disobedience has been fuelled in part by leaders of the Jewish settler movement in the occupied territories, who have circulated leaflets calling on reserve soldiers to refuse orders. The first right-wing soldier to rebel was Mordechai Karpel, 40, a reserve captain who lives in the West Bank. He told his commanding officer: "The government of Israel has lost all moral legitimacy in my eyes, and I do not consider myself obligated to it at all."

The army brushed aside the incident, but if the trend spreads the military may have to punish offenders. Reservists make up more than two-thirds of the 660,000 Israeli men and women in uniform and the army cannot function properly without them.

Oded Ben Ami, Mr Rabin's adviser at the ministry of defence, said yesterday that the army was conducting education programmes for soldiers to explain the peace agreement and the military's role. "We had a similar response from some reservists during the uprooting of the Yamit settlement in the Sinai, during the Lebanon war and during the intifada," he said. "When people are civilians they are free to say what they please. As soon as they are in uniform they must obey orders. Otherwise they will go to prison."



In one instance a reserve platoon in the Armoured Corps protested in a letter this month to Mr Rabin, a former general and war hero, about the way Jewish settlers were being treated by the authorities in the Gaza Strip. The 41 soldiers, ranking from corporal to lieutenant, complained that the army sent in reinforcements to halt vigilante operations by settlers, but had done little to increase security for the 5,000 Jewish inhabitants on the coastal strip.

"We do reserve duty to protect the citizens of the state of Israel," the men wrote. "We also understand that, because of the situation, we are called on to rein in the response of the (Jewish) residents (in the territories) so that worse incidents do not occur. None the less, we note the total lack of proportion, and are disturbed that, perhaps in addition to purely military considerations, other factors determined the nature of our service."

Some officers and men have been particularly upset that high-ranking soldiers, including Major General Amnon Shahak, the deputy chief of staff, have become involved in political work, such as running negotiations with the Palestinians.

In another symptom of opposition to the accord, an MP of the far-right Moledet party said yesterday he would shoot Palestinian policemen if they tried to stop him. Rehavam Zeevi said he would not tolerate a Palestinian policeman stopping him for any reason. "I will shoot him, for reasons of self-defence, before he identifies me and decides to do the same to me."

Following the threat, Mr Rabin met the secret police head, the army chief of staff, the attorney-general, and ministers of police and justice. His office said the meeting had discussed "the need to impose the law aggressively against riots by particular and limited elements among the settlers".

On Tuesday, a first group of 22 Palestinian policemen crossed into the Gaza Strip to prepare for the Israeli troop withdrawal. Since the accord, 24 Palestinians and 12 Israelis have been killed.



Youngsters in the northern Malaysian town of Kota Baru resort to paddle power to beat extensive flooding that has so far claimed eight lives *in the area. Monsoon rains have lashed the country, turning roads into rivers. Officials fear the death toll from the flooding will rise*

White House slows down too late to save two more top aides

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

TODAY is Thanksgiving in America and, for the first time in the ten months since President Clinton took office, Washington should be an oasis of tranquility.

The "whirling dervish" and his equally frenetic First Lady are conducting an experiment called relaxation at Camp David, the rustic retreat they have used just three times since the inauguration. Congress has gone home after its wildest but most productive session in years, and the day's biggest political news is likely to be the wedding in New Orleans of James Carville, Mr Clinton's chief campaign strategist, and Mary Matalin, who held the same office in George Bush's campaign.

For some the sheer pace and relentlessness of the Clinton administration have proved too much. On Tuesday Howard Paster, the man with the awesome task of winning congressional support for the torrent of presidential legislation, announced his resignation, his burn-out completed by yet another near-death experience last week over the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta). "We have set new standards of intensity," he said. "There are no recesses or weekends. The beeper and the phone do not respect any private time."

Also leaving is Roy Neel, Mr Clinton's deputy chief of staff. He, too, pleads exhaustion, though an offer of an annual $500,000 (£338,000) to lobby for America's telephone companies seems to have oiled his departure. Both men are going just as the Clinton White House appears finally to have got its act together, and just as it shows encouraging signs of allowing time for enjoyment.

"We need to have some fun," Hillary Clinton told *The Washington Post* this week, promising more partying and less health care during the coming holiday season. On Tuesday night she and the president gave their first formal White House dinner for a visiting head of state, President Kim Young Sam of South Korea.

By all accounts it was a jolly event, capped by dancing and a recital by soprano Jessye Norman, but not entirely free of the Clintons' relentless earnestness. The menu was all-American and top heavy with such wholesome offerings as acorn squash. The shellfish



Paster: burn-out was completed by Nafta

mousse was made with just two quarts of cream for 136 guests, and the ginger almond ice-cream with skimmed milk. There were no ashtrays. Conspicuously absent were any Republicans or journalists.

The same earnestness was apparent in the $396,429-worth of internal White House redecoration that the Clintons unveiled on Tuesday. A butler's pantry has been turned into a homely breakfast room for the First Family, but elsewhere the theme is heavy neo-Victorian, with lashings of gilt and dark velvet curtains. Mrs Clinton read 40 books on the history of the White House to prepare for the project, her spokeswoman said.

Mr Clinton has reason to celebrate this Thanksgiving. His presidency began with one disaster after another, his foreign policy has verged on the chaotic and he has been regularly written off. But the facts tell a different story.

Elected to tackle America's domestic woes, he has persuaded a highly sceptical Congress to raise taxes, cut the budget deficit and approve Nafta. He has sent Congress a comprehensive health care plan that seems certain to generate reforms of some sort, and he can justifiably claim to have ended the era of legislative "gridlock".

A survey by the respected *Congressional Quarterly* magazine shows Mr Clinton has won 88.6 per cent of all contested congressional votes, despite several perilously close calls. That beats even Lyndon Johnson's record in 1965, the year generally regarded as the high-water mark of presidential influence over Congress.

Sex on TV gets court support

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

SEX and violence on television got a boost in an American court this week, as a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) policy was overturned.

A federal appeals court decided that an FCC policy which bans sex and violence from television programmes between the hours of 6am and midnight was unconstitutional. The three judges of the District of Columbia court ruled that the policy failed to take account of rights under the first amendment to the US constitution, which guarantee American citizens freedom of speech.

In a separate and unrelated decision, the justice department ended a policy that had been adopted under the previous Republican administration to pursue multiple lawsuits against distributors of pornographic material in an effort to force them into plea bargaining and out of business.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Miners on rampage in France

Metz: Miners protesting against government plans to scrap 700 jobs smashed windows in government buildings and clashed with riot police in Metz, eastern France, yesterday. Witnesses said about 1,500 miners went on a rampage in the town centre, overturning a police vehicle and trying to force their way into the offices of the regional council, headed by Gérard Longuet, the industry minister. Police fired tear gas from the building to keep them out. The miners also set fire to imported coal at a nearby port. *(Reuter)*

Permit needed

St Petersburg: Following Moscow's example, Russia's second city has announced that all foreign visitors will have to obtain a residence permit for any stay longer than three days. *(Reuter)*

Stoning bill

Kuala Lumpur: Adultery will be punishable by stoning to death under sweeping Islamic legislation proposed by the state government in Malaysia's northeastern Kelantan state. *(Reuter)*

Attali sought

Paris: Bernard Attali, who quit as Air France chairman in protest over the government's handling of a strike, has been invited to run a small investment bank, business newspapers said. *(Reuter)*

Wrong again

Kiev: A second attempt by a doomsday cult in Ukraine to mark the end of the world passed off uneventfully with only a few dozen people gathering outside an 11th-century cathedral. *(Reuter)*

Family protest

Dhaka: Thousands of families marched here to demand the death penalty for lorry drivers who cause road deaths. The drivers are annually responsible for 70 per cent of such deaths. *(Reuter)*

Old chief dies

Anchorage: Walter Northway, an Athbascan Indian chief and the oldest known Alaskan, died aged 117. Renowned for his knowledge of local history, he is survived by his wife, who is 92. *(Reuter)*

Township victim got no first aid

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

AMY Biehl, an American student who was beaten and stabbed to death in a black township last August, was able to walk when police arrived at the scene of the attack. The Cape Supreme Court heard yesterday that she was taken to a nearby police station but died before an ambulance arrived.

According to evidence given at the trial of three young men accused of killing her, she received no first aid, except that the blood was wiped from her face.

Constable Leon Rhodes said he was called to the incident, which was only 500 yards from the police station, and saw Biehl, 27, being assisted by three people. He had them put her in his van and took them all to the police yard, radioing for an ambulance on his way, but by the time the ambulance arrived Biehl was dead.

Everon Orange, who was working with Biehl on a voter education project, said it took her between 20 minutes and half an hour to die. He was being given a lift home by Biehl, who was dropping off two other students in Guguletu on the way. He said 20 people lining the road began stoning the car. Biehl was hit on the head and was unable to drive further. She ran into a garage but was pursued, Mr Orange said, and kicked into a sitting position. She was beaten and stabbed, he said.

"I spoke to one of the bystanders," Mr Orange said. "In my panic I asked the bystander what I should do. He said I should get out of the car. I inquired what the crowd was going to do. He said they were not interested in me, they wanted the settler."

The other passengers in the car tried to tell the crowd that Biehl was not a settler, Mr Orange said. He saw one person stabbing her.

When one of her attackers came to stab him, he ran off and hid under a table in the garage office. When he went outside again the police van was arriving. "Amy managed to get up from where she was attacked. She was walking towards me in a staggering sort of way. Her face was bloody. She could not speak. She was murmuring."

Mongesi Manqina, 21, Mzikhona Nofemela, 21, and Vusumzi Ntamo, 22, yesterday all pleaded not guilty to murdering Biehl, to public violence and to aggravated robbery.

Marine killers kept at bay off Somalia

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

THE United Nations yesterday unveiled what may go down as its only success in the Somali capital, Mogadishu — an anti-shark net installed at a cost of £40,000 to protect UN workers on the main beach.

Shark attacks on the beach next to the international airport were unknown when hundreds of US Marines cavorted in the Indian Ocean. But since the UN took over command of the international force in Somalia last May, three foreigners — a French woman, an American and a Russian — have been killed by sharks attracted by effluent from ships close to the shore.

The French woman was bitten when she swam well out at sea, but the last two victims were taken in waste-deep water. Since then the beach has been closed.

Farouk Mawlawi, the UN spokesman in Mogadishu, yesterday defended the cost of the net and said that it would be left "for the use of the Somalis" when the UN leaves.

Foreign firms seek passage to India

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

DELHI'S cocktail circuit pundits are preoccupied with the foreign business invasion of India, be it Coca-Cola, McDonald's, or Pierre Cardin. Other big names like Pepsi, Wimpy and Benetton have been here for a while — the vanguard of a commercial assault on India's middle class of perhaps 130 million.

If the bigger brands are causing a certain flutter, however, the greatest excitement has undoubtedly been generated by the imminent arrival of legal Scotch whisky. This spells disaster for the city's bottleggers, a shabby breed who prey on poorer diplomats to persuade them to sell their liquor allowances. Under a decades-old unwritten law, Johnnie Walker Black Label is South Asia's snob drink, and for non-diplomats it is available only through the furtive, hard-nosed bootlegger.

Black Label graces the cocktail cabinets of Pakistan and Bangladesh, liquor bans notwithstanding, and it is de reigueur in smarter Indian drawing rooms. A single bottle costs more than the average Indian earns in a month: it is a brazen statement of prosperity to actually give it away. Bootleggers meet their diplomatic contacts like spies seeing informants. Wads of banknotes are exchanged for clattering cases bundled hurriedly into the boot of the car. Certain embassies in Delhi are known as prolific suppliers of foreign wines and spirits, none of which can be bought legally, except by hotels and clubs with liquor licences.

Ingenious though the bootleggers are at wresting scotch from harder-up diplomats and, it is rumoured, from bonded warehouses and the duty free shops at Delhi airport, demand greatly outstrips supply. The Indian genius for ripping off foreigners has thus spawned an industry in fake scotch - masquerading as Black Label, of course.

Empty Black Label bottles fetch a high price, especially if the labels are not ripped or daubed with identification marks showing the embassy of origin. They are filled with cheap Indian whisky, or with a blend of Indian and scotch whisky. Replacement caps, manufactured in a backstreet workshop somewhere in Delhi, are indistinguishable from the real thing. An underground printing shop turns out new labels, although an expert could spot the forgery.

This racket does not stop there. There is a shortage of genuine Black Label bottles because some embassies have started ordering staff to smash them once they are empty, denying a lucrative extra income to embassy waiters and cleaners. Suppliers of fake scotch, not to be outwitted, have started making their own bottles. Output is so great that grocery shops in Delhi have begun selling lime cordial in bottles that exactly resemble Black Label bottles — evidently the result of over-production. The label is black, edged in gold and stuck at the familiar jaunty angle, and the cap is gold and neatly sealed. But the contents are a sickly green syrup.

Several scotch brands have established joint ventures with Indian companies and Delhi's dingy government-owned liquor shops should get their first supplies in six months or so. The whisky will be produced locally from raw materials supplied from Scotland. Bootleggers will be needed only for wine.

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Indian talks with Pakistan rekindle hope for Kashmir

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

■ Islamabad and Delhi seem in the mood for compromise over disputed Kashmir and the Siachen glacier, seen by analysts as the world's most likely nuclear battleground

INDIA and Pakistan are to hold talks that will be dominated by the Kashmir conflict and the nine-year war for control of the Siachen glacier in the Himalayas, the world's highest battleground and arguably its most futile.

It will be the seventh time in three years that high officials from both sides have tried to defuse tensions between the two nuclear powers, which have gone to war three times. American analysts regard the Indo-Pakistan border as the world's most likely nuclear battleground.

This time, however, there are modest prospects for progress. India is desperate for peace in Kashmir and may be ready for limited compromises, while the newly elected Pakistani government could be willing to try to slow deliveries of weapons across the border to Kashmir separatists in response to international pressure. Britain and America have demanded an end to such supplies, without which it would be difficult for the three-year secessionist campaign to continue.

Kashmir policy has never been fully under the control of any Pakistani government, and Benazir Bhutto, the prime minister, might find it difficult to assert her authority over sections of the armed forces that facilitate weapons deliveries. She would, in any case, find it politically difficult to make significant overtures to India. Officially, the government in Islamabad authorises only diplomatic and moral support to the Kashmir uprising but, unofficially, successive administrations have turned a blind eye to weapons supplies. Kashmir gunmen are permitted to seek safe haven in Pakistani-controlled Kashmir and several refugee camps give shelter to young men fleeing from Indian troops.

The talks could lead to progress over the Siachen war. Miss Bhutto came close to a peace deal with Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian prime minister, in her first period as prime minister before being ousted by the army three years ago.

She will doubtless authorise her negotiators to explore the prospects of a similar deal with the government of P.V. Narasimha Rao. His authority has been strengthened by the successful handling of the month-long army siege of the Hazratbal shrine in the Kashmir valley, which ended peacefully when gunmen trapped inside gave themselves up.

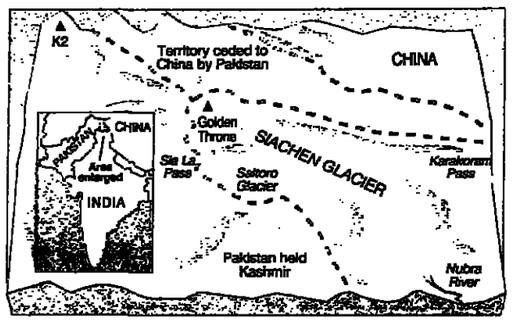
The Siachen war is immensely costly to India, which has long supply lines across mountainous terrain. Its front line can be reached only by helicopter, while Pakistan can supply its forces comparatively cheaply by road. India has artilllery guns mounted at 20,000 ft and its soldiers suffer a heavy toll from the altitude.

The talks will be held in Islamabad from January 1 to January 3 between J.N. Dixit, the Indian foreign secretary, and Shahryar Khan, his Pakistani counterpart. Both are the highest-level bureaucrats in their respective foreign ministries. An Indian government statement said that all aspects of the Jammu and Kashmir issue would be discussed — a statement described by Pakistani officials as a sign of India's readiness to hold specific discussions on Kashmir.

Washington has cautiously offered to act as mediator in talks aimed at resolving the 46-year Kashmir dispute. The Pakistani delegation intends to repeat its insistence during the coming talks that India should agree to a plebiscite in Kashmir to discover whether the people wish to remain within India. Delhi will reject the demand, aware that the overwhelming majority of Muslims in the valley would vote to leave.

□ **Delhi:** Twenty-six people were yesterday charged in connection with the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, the former Indian prime minister, clearing the way for their prosecution.

Gandhi, who was defeated in the 1989 elections, was killed by a suicide bomber at an election rally in 1991. Police say the assassin was a member of the Tamil Tigers, who are fighting for independence in Sri Lanka. Gandhi is believed to have been targeted because he sent Indian troops to Sri Lanka in 1987 to enforce a peace accord. *(AP)*





Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the Cambodian prime minister, presenting a colonel's insignia yesterday to a former Khmer Rouge guerrilla. More than 500 defectors from the rebels have been accepted into the Cambodian army

Millions face bachelor's fate as China pursues one-child policy

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG

IN ONE of the sharpest reminders yet of the failure of China's policy of allowing each family to have only one child, the authorities in the southeastern province of Guangxi are forecasting a very large imbalance in the numbers of males and females.

Within 15 to 20 years, according to a report by a Chinese news service, Guangxi will have five million men "who will have to remain bachelors because they will not be able to find spouses". In an unusual example of blunt reporting, the news service says the reason for the imbalance is "pernicious feudal influences and the drowning of girl infants". It adds that the "alienation of modern technology" has made the situation worse: some women now have access to ultrasound examinations, and if they discover they are expecting a girl they have an abortion.

The local authorities concede that in Guangxi, one of China's poorest provinces with many ethnic minority inhabitants, the male-female ratio, which would normally be very slightly in favour of males, is now 52.4 per cent for males, 47.6 per cent for females, the highest ratio in the country. There are already 2.03 million more males than females in Guangxi. The ratios are higher in richer parts of the province, the report says. In some areas the imbalance is 11.65 per cent higher than the national average.

Although the report does not say this, the situation arises from China's one-child policy, first promulgated in 1979, which is probably the least popular measure the Communist Party has ever attempted to enforce. It was intended to bring the population down from an estimated 1.5 billion in 2020 to 700 million 50 years later.

All the statistics show, however, that in rural areas, where 80 per cent of Chinese live, the population has risen steadily; nationwide the gender imbalance indicates that millions of girls have disappeared in China since 1980, whether through abortion, sale, infanticide or non-reporting of births. The "feudal" beliefs referred to in the report are the traditional Chinese preference for boys — because only males can worship ancestors — and because married girls disappear into their husbands' families and do not support their own parents.

But here, too, official Chinese corruption plays its part. According to *People's Daily*, 1,254 officials have been disciplined in Shaanxi province for having more than one child. As the paper says, officials taking advantage of their positions in this sensitive matter "has hindered the smooth implementation of family planning work . . . "

Corruption had apparently reached the stage of doctors, who had been ordered to abort the wives of the officials, reporting falsely that they had done so. The doctors are now under investigation.

Thatcher star still dazzles in Japan

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

LIKE a class of small boys waiting excitedly for the curtain to rise on a magic show, 900 Japanese businessmen sat fidgeting yesterday afternoon, awaiting the arrival of their heroine.

"Ladiii Satchaaa", England's "most wonderful, heroic, marvellous and tenderly beautiful *Iron Lady*" — according to one gentleman in the front row, who had arrived 40 minutes early to ensure a good view — was due to give them a delicious dose of resolve-stiffening, a lovely stern lecture on the virtues of Thatcherism and a plug for the newly released Japanese-language version of her memoirs, already recording brisk sales in Tokyo's bookshops.

Suddenly she was announced, the strains of Handel's Water Music died away and an expectant silence fell as 900 balding heads swivelled in unison and craned towards the entrance of the splendid Fuji Hall. A gasp rose as the familiar bouffant hair bobbed in. On this, her third visit to Japan *since her resignation as* prime minister, Baroness Thatcher appears to have lost none of her power to induce rapture.

Striking a handsome figure in purple tweeds, Lady Thatcher knew which buttons to hit to capture her audience. By turns she was hectoring and domineering, and then she praised them and told them they were clever, especially for investing in Britain.

"She's just marvellous. I'm a great fan of your Iron Lady," said Mikihikio Miyamoto, senior managing director of Yasuda Mutual Life Insurance company. "She's like a queen. Ah yes, so beautiful, so stately. The world would rejoice if she were re-elected as prime minister."

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Malaysia is one of the areas giving a high priority to tourism, both in peninsula Malaysia, and East Malaysia which includes Sabah and Sarawak. The capital of Sabah used to be Jesselton, which was razed to the ground by the allied forces in the second world war when the Japanese refused to surrender. Now the rebuilt capital, with just four old buildings remaining, renamed as Kota Kinabalu, provides the base for trips around the country.

Emphasis is on eco-tourism — conservation and preservation — exemplified by the Kinabalu National Park whose base stands at around 5,000 feet, in the shadow of Mount Kinabalu, south-east Asia's highest mountain at 13,455 feet. The park reaches up the mountain to include

More activity than lying on a beach from boat trips to jungle treks

both tropical rainforest and temperate forest, providing a huge variety of plants and vegetation.

There are some 1200 different orchids: there is the Rafflesia, reputedly the world's largest flower, and the carnivorous pitcher plant which catches insects in its jug-like cup-shaped leaves and has been known to trap a rat.

After studying Sabah's flora the tourist can look at attempts to ensure the survival of the orang-utan, one of the world's threatened species. The Sepilok sanctuary, near the east coast, takes in young orang-utans abandoned by their mothers, raises them and gradually prepares them for a return to the wild. Visitors can see them swing through the forest canopy for daily feeding. There is always the chance that Rajah, a mischievous young male, may appear. He achieved notoriety last year when taking a liking to the clothes worn by a French tourist, who unwisely strayed off the path, he stripped him and escaped to his tree nest with the booty. The authorities were concerned that the incident might deter people from visiting the sanctuary. They need not have worried: tourists arrived in greater numbers.

In peninsula Malaysia, the capital Kuala Lumpur with its tower blocks rising above the old colonial buildings acts as a departure point for tours showing all aspects of life: the jungle, the rubber and palm tree plantations, and the kampongs (villages) which remain largely unchanged.

Here too are the main beach resorts, including on the west coast Penang, and Langkawi which is fast growing to rival the older established Penang. Hotel resorts are emerging from former rubber plantations and forest, but many are consciously attempting to retain an unspoiled atmosphere of tranquility by banning jet-skis while allowing windsurfing and sailing boats.

After a jungle trek, the tourist needs peace.

CHRISTOPHER WARMAN

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'Reindeer' pilot showers toys onto an icy Bosnia

FROM PATRICK MOSER IN EASTERN BOSNIA

■ UN officials say that massive supplies of food and medicines will have to be delivered soon to save the lives of Bosnians already in the grip of a harsh winter

HUNDREDS of teddy bears rained down into the frozen night above Bosnia. "I feel like modern-day reindeer," said Captain David Barnes as he flew his C130 Hercules back towards the Rhein-Main air base, just outside Frankfurt.

A few minutes earlier Captain Barnes, 30, pulled the joystick, lifting the nose of his C130, sending cartons of stuffed animals, toys, clothes and food falling out the back of the aircraft.

The crew of the American military aircraft know that the unusual air drop will not end the war, the bitter cold and the hunger almost a million Bosnian children have to face every day. But the battle-hardened men hope the air drop will bring a little joy and warmth in the middle of the devastation.

The Hercules is one of eight planes that flew out of Rhein-Main last night as part of Operation Provide Santa, launched this week. In addition to the emergency food and medical supplies which Western military planes have been dropping over Bosnia since February, the humanitarian packages now also contain teddy bears and other gifts for Bosnian children.

The donations were collected from schools in Germany in recent weeks. Each little Christmas package contains a letter saying it is a gift from the children of Europe and America, who wish joy and peace to the children of Bosnia. Tons of donations have been collected at schools and military bases in Germany over recent weeks.

Military officials say the gifts do not take away cargo space meant for food and medicines but are effectively used as extra packaging for the huge cartons dropped over Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Ten such boxes were loaded earlier onto the C130 which Captain Barnes flew over the besieged eastern Bosnian city of Gorazde. As we approached the high-altitude drop off point, the pilot's calm voice came over the internal communication system.

"We have possible threats off the left wing, about 15 miles." Flashes of mortar explosions signalled fighting on the ground. Medical cargo planes flying the air-drop missions are not armed and have no fighter escorts. The only protection was the altitude, the darkness and a thin cloud cover.

As the C130 entered Bosnian air space and climbed above 10,000 ft, the crew donned helmets, flak jackets and oxygen masks. A gush of freezing air filled the plane, lit only by dark red lights, as the rear ramp opened.

A few minutes later, giving a thumbs-up sign, Captain Barnes admitted he had no way of knowing whether the drop was right on target, but said he had "a good feeling there will be some smiles down there in the morning as the kids get the stuff".

To avoid causing damage or injuries on the ground, the boxes have no parachutes and are designed to break open in mid-air as they fall. This means the contents disperse over a fairly large area.

Admiral Jeremy Boorda, commander-in-chief of US Naval Forces Europe, said: "This is the longest-running air humanitarian mission in the history of US aviations — it is certainly longer than the Berlin airlift."

Military and relief officials concede that air transport is far from being an ideal means of taking humanitarian supplies to the needy. But snow and fighting make it difficult, and at times impossible, for land convoys to get through to towns and villages.

"The air drop and the airlift to Sarajevo are going to be vital for a lot of people," said Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Over the past ten months Western countries, including Britain, have dropped more than 11,000 tons of food and medicine over besieged cities and remote villages in the former Yugoslav republic.

In addition, more than 28,000 tons of supplies have been airlifted into Sarajevo. Mrs Ogata says that massive quantities of supplies will have to be delivered to save the lives of Bosnians who face another harsh winter.

The main priority, she says, is to deliver heating and shelter materials. "These have to go by land," the UN official says.

"The parties have now agreed to the transport of fuel and gas supplies, but will have to see whether this will be honoured," Mrs Ogata said. She added: "This will be a great test."

☐ **Skopje:** A senior Macedonian aviation industry official said yesterday the country's two airports should be closed on safety grounds after a crash in which 115 people died.

Zoran Krstevski, director of the Makedonija company which runs Skopje and Ohrid airports, said their runways and lighting systems were in bad condition.

"We have on a number of occasions warned the government that, unless the runway and lighting system at the airport in Skopje is repaired, the airport should be closed immediately. The situation is similar at the airport in Ohrid," he said.

Only one man survived when a Soviet-built Yak 42 passenger jet ploughed into a hill as it approached Ohrid airport on Saturday night. His condition worsened yesterday and he was flown by helicopter to a neuro-surgical clinic in Skopje.

In March, a Fokker 100 crashed after take-off at Skopje, killing 79 people. *(Reuter)*





A British United Nations soldier yesterday allowing a boy to look through the sights of his rifle in Sarajevo, where the UN has taken a higher profile

UN aid convoys reach enclaves

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

AS FIVE United Nations convoys in Bosnia by last night had either arrived at their destinations or were making progress, Bosnian Serbs again asked for postponement of a new round of peace talks called by European Union foreign ministers in Geneva next Monday.

Momcilo Krajisnik, the powerful Bosnian Serb parliamentary Speaker, said he doubted the talks could achieve much because there had been insufficient time to prepare for them. He also condemned EU proposals for a progressive suspension of sanctions against Serbia in exchange for territorial concessions as "unreal" and "a trap". He said the Serbs were being blackmailed into attending the talks.

According to UN officials, the arrival of all five convoys could signal the end of the suspension or closure of the main aid routes to central Bosnia. It also meant that desperate communities would be spared death from starvation and cold.

Convoys were suspended in parts of central Bosnia a month ago when a Danish driver was killed by a sniper. Other routes have been closed by local commanders and official obstructions. The latest convoys are a test of the accord signed last week by leaders of all three of Bosnia's warring parties to allow aid to pass unhindered.

The convoys rolled as the UN World Food Programme issued another warning of the forthcoming catastrophe in Bosnia if aid did not get through. The organisation, which gathers food to be distributed by the UN, said it had received 67 per cent of what was needed for former Yugoslavia. "The immediate problem is not the shortage of food but access to those in need," it said in a statement.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, meanwhile, has been making contradictory statements. He has said that a viable Muslim state must be created while simultaneously telling a Kuwaiti newspaper that the Serbs will never allow such a country to exist.

Serbia accused of persecution in ethnic takeover of Kosovo

FROM REUTER IN VIENNA

AN INTERNATIONAL human rights body accused Serbia yesterday of serious rights abuses against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, including torture and summary killings.

The International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights condemned Belgrade for what it called a policy of "Serbianisation" in its southern region of Kosovo, where some 90 per cent of the population is ethnic Albanian.

"The methods of harassment range from verbal insults and meaningless identity checks in the street to arbitrary detention and torture or ill-treatment," it said in a report.

The report, entitled *From Autonomy to Colonisation: Human Rights Violations in Kosovo 1989-1993*, said abuse by Serbian police of Kosovo's 1.7 million Albanians included "summary shootings of demonstrators or killing of unarmed individuals ...The region has been placed under virtual colonial control which has resulted in a total marginalisation of the Albanian majority. The entire province has been gradually Serbianised."

To reinforce the policy, the Serbian parliament has adopted legislation providing for cash to be given to non-Albanians wishing to settle in Kosovo, it said. Restrictions have been imposed on the freedom of movement of ethnic Albanians, on using the Albanian language and holding private property, it added.



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In Wallace's kitchen

Next month, Sotheby's in New York will auction a document which casts an entirely new light on the abdication of Edward VIII — Wallace Simpson's personal recipe book, a work rich equally in history and calories.

To judge from *My Personal Cookbook*, by Mrs Simpson (later the Duchess of Windsor), it is remarkable that Edward did not drop dead of clogged arteries well before he gave up the throne, 57 years ago.

The duchess's eclectic culinary collection began as a series of articles penned for a Sunday newspaper, *The American Weekly*. Starting in 1958, she provided her American readers with household hints and examples of how she and the man who would not be king furnished their tables in Paris, New York and Florida.

The original recipes will go on sale, along with handwritten drafts for the articles, culinary recollections and other trimmings. It is weighty stuff. Consider, for example, her Sauce Liberal: "Mix into good mayonnaise enough catsup to colour the mayonnaise a pale pink. Add Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice and heavy fresh cream to taste. Lastly, add a good quantity of gin."

From time to time, the duchess opted for humbler fare. After visiting her hairdresser in Florida, she writes, she would "regularly ... find myself buying a package of cold meat, salami usually, smoked cheese, biscuits and a Cellophane bag of striped peppermint balls, upon which I lunch happily during my ride home".

Sotheby's expects the cookbook, part of larger collection of Windsor memorabilia, to fetch at least $8,000 (£5,400) when it goes under the hammer on December 10.

The duchess, it seems, tended to eschew the fresh produce available near her homes in France, to the evident outrage of her French chef. She writes: "I wonder often if American housewives appreciate their good fortune in having so many excellent frozen foods. In our household, I have waged a long fight in behalf *[sic]* of frozen foods. When I used to suggest to our cook that he make more use of our freezer he would protest, 'Why, Madame? I have only to walk six blocks to get something fresh'."

Nothing daunted, the duchess persuaded her American friends to send over tinned American butter, rather than suffer the local, no doubt delicious product. This may partly have reflected the ingredients available to her American readers, and she admits that her editors worked "long and hard" to simplify her creations by including "canned, frozen and bottled products available in American supermarkets".



Wallace Simpson: enthusiastic collector of recipes

The duchess was an enthusiastic collector and reader of cookbooks. The duke ("who will never shake the sand out of his shoes") preferred to peruse *National Geographic*, but took enough interest in his wife's hobby to correct her grammar, often incorrectly. Where she had written that all her new recipes were "tried out first by the duke and me", he changed it to "the duke and I". Perhaps he meant the "duke and we".

To the modern palate, the recipes appear heavy and unimaginative: Salade Russe is simply carrots, peas and thick mayonnaise, while Gateau Egyptian is a sponge cake smothered with blackberry jam and vanilla-flavoured whipped cream.

Most of her recipes contain huge quantities of cholesterol or alcohol, and often both. Her Sole Demi-Deuil is almost suicidal by today's standards, and appears to have been translated directly from French:

"Poach fillets of sole in white wine with juice of lemon.

"Place in oven for ten minutes in Pyrex dish. [Yes, even the royals use Pyrex.] Make a cream sauce with: 750 grams of butter, 50 grams flour, ¼ litre milk, ¼ litre heavy cream, 1 juice of lemon, 1 yolk of egg and some of the sole bouillon.

"Place the fillets of sole on a long dish, cover with cream sauce, and recover with caviar the surface. Place around the fillets tartelettes of caviar. Serve very hot."

The manuscript also provides a tantalising glimpse into domestic arrangements in the ducal household. When Mrs Simpson presented the then Prince of Wales with some salad suggestions, tied with a pink ribbon and marked "Salads, Nov. 1934", her ideas did not go down well with the royal servants. "The cook [at Sunningdale] was not too pleased at a woman 'interfering'. But I can still see David's [as she called Edward] sunny smile," she writes.

Later, she muses: "It is not a simple matter for any bachelor to to run a house, even though he be a Prince with a staff to serve him." Her solution, of course, was to marry him.

In his abdication address, Edward said told a stunned nation he could not face taking up the crown "without the help and support of the woman I love". *My Personal Cookbook* suggests, perhaps, another motive: the prospect of continuing without the delights of Gateau Egyptian may have been too much for Edward VIII to bear.

BEN MACINTYRE

Hooray for the manger

Banning nativity plays will not promote religious understanding

So it was all a storm in a toy teacup, after all. Miss, in the form of the chief executive of the Preschool Playgroups Association, has jumped in to sort out the squabbling children. These particular tears before bedtime were over the revelation that a Lewisham playgroup had cancelled its nativity play under the pressure of multi-cultural guidelines about giving "equal emphasis" to all religious festivals.

By Tuesday, it had become clear that, faced with the prospect of doing an all-or-nothing marathon involving Diwali, Eid, Hanukkah and heaven knows what else, any sensible playgroup — especially one without any Hindu, Muslim or Jewish children anyway — would follow Lewisham and throw in the shepherds' traditional tea-towel. Assorted spokesmen muttered of multiculturalism, the playgroup leader spoke of "looking over our shoulder", and the Commission for Racial Equality prudently ducked behind the Wendy House and abstained.



LIBBY PURVES

Then, not before time, Teacher got back and banged some heads together; Mrs Margaret Lochrie of the PPA said with authority (and, do I detect, gritted teeth?) that there is no such edict and never was. There is merely a suggestion that if you do happen to have a few Chinese children, it might be fun to "consider" celebrating Chinese New Year, and so forth.

So it's on with the tea-towels at Lewisham, and you and I may sleep secure in our beds, knowing that our babes will be permitted to sing "Lickel Donkey".

I have been trying to analyse why this particular row is so annoying, and I think I have got it. It is because both sides show an equal ignorance, if not contempt, for the symbols they bandy. In the tea-towel faction we have the harmless but fatuous sentimentality of the kind of adult who never goes near a church or utters a Christian sentiment from one year's end to another, but regards it as a right to sniffle nostalgically at the sight of his or her child with a toy lamb at Christmas.

Meanwhile, in the PC faction we have earnest people who talk of an "understanding of each other's religions" and pat themselves on the back for knowing the word Diwali; but who would be positively embarrassed at the idea that there might be a deity. Religion, to them, is not an imperative, a vocation, a revelation, a joy which gives the world meaning: it is on the same level as cookery or costume or other manifestations of "ethnicity".

There is no harm, of course, in having a nativity play if you are not a believer. These symbols belong to us all, and there have been instances of an empty moment of traditionalism suddenly filling up with real, private meaning for onlookers. But even a nativity play produced by agnostic playleaders is done — or damn well ought to be done — with a spirit of reverence, if only for all the generations who have believed. You do not drop the swaddled doll on its plastic head or swear. Otherwise, for heaven's sake, have a play about Rudolf the Reindeer.

But if you do teach sacredness, and awe, and the power of religious tradition, then you are teaching as much about the essence of Hinduism, Islam and the rest as you are about Christianity. A child who respects one religion is far less likely to despise another. Over the *Satanic Verses* affair I met some genuinely upset Muslim women who actually wept as they spoke to me: I found that — after a Catholic education — I was able to empathise with their shock. Because I grew up with nuns, some of them lay-sisters with a simple kindly faith, I knew that blasphemy does create shock: not an offended, uppity sort of shock, but more as if someone had called your mother a whore, or drawn obscenely on your baby's photograph.

Religions are not interchangeable, but a sense of reverence is. Which is why, in celebrating Christmas, you might do more for interreligious understanding than by any amount of self-important footling about with multi-ethnic symbols. And equally, an Islamic or Sikh child brought up with reverence — and a dash of liberalism — understands the crib better than any modish PC theorist.

Dragon women of Paris

Just as their dreaded concierges are vanishing, the French are learning to love them. **Charles Bremner** reports



NETWORK

The feared guardian of the morals of Paris: a traditional concierge at the door of her apartments

My friend René was swearing outside his building in the smart sixth arrondissement the other evening. He had forgotten his new "digicode", the cipher which you punch to open the outer door. "This would never happen if we still had the concierge, bless her," he muttered as we passed the old *loge* that had been turned into just another flat.

A few years ago, her curtain would have twitched as Madame checked on René and his visitor as he walked in. For two centuries, the legendary door-keeper to Paris apartment buildings was about the only institution reviled and feared by all classes, from penniless poets in arrears with the rent to the bourgeois *pères de famille* whose mistresses she tracked.

She was a meddlesome old nosey-parker, a grumbling gossip with a gimlet eye and a quick tongue who kept the police informed of anything out of the ordinary. She was the embodiment of "*l'ésprit concierge*", which generations of writers deplored as a sorry trait in the Gallic national character.

Now, with the race dying out, Parisians miss their concierges and they want them back. Concierge flats now rent at a big premium. From 60,000 in 1950, the tribe has dropped to 20,000, with 2,000 "*gardiennes*", as they prefer call themselves, vanishing every year, replaced by door codes and intercoms.

About 60 per cent of concierges are now foreigners, most of them Portuguese couples who view the job as janitor's work with lodging. The yearning is not just nostalgia for simpler times and the vanished customs that gave Paris its flavour, like open-backed buses and the wooden carriages of the Métro.

Few would admit it, but as every Maigret reader and cinema-goer knows, the old-style concierge may have been a busybody but she was also often a "salt of the earth" type. She kept away burglars and gave a bit of humanity to the unfriendly city. "My tenants were like a big family," says Marie-Thérèse Ducarroz, who has been *gardienne* of a six-floor block on the edge of Montparnasse for three decades. "If someone is lonely I talk to them. If they have no one, and they fall ill, I accompany them to the hospital so they won't feel sad.

"The new foreign caretakers would never do that. I still won't go to bed if I haven't seen one of our older tenants in the day. They'll never find someone lying dead for three weeks in their flat here."

The trouble, Mme Ducarroz says, is that the younger generation of flat dweller does not want the human contact. "Of course I don't read their mail. But sometimes, if its a pretty post-card, I admit that I have a look and then, reading a little bit, I might notice they've had a lot of rain and I make a remark about it. But I'm always there for them, even at two in the morning, if someone is ill."

> 'They'll never find someone lying dead for three weeks in my flats'

It is the meddling rather than the caring side of the concierge which defined the legendary rapport between that infernal couple, the Parisian and the "*pipelette*" (taken from the appalling M and Mme Pipelet, the caricature couple of Eugene Sue's serial novel of the 1840s, *Les Mystères de Paris*).

By Sue's day, the concierge was already the butt of comedy. The profession, originally called *portier*, had made itself especially unpopular by handing rich tenants over to the guillotine in the Terror half a century earlier. The obsession with the power of concierges led, for a few years, to the success of a journal devoted to campaigning against them. The fixation was, of course, fired by dependence, as Frances Trollope noted on a visit to Paris in 1835: "The whole system of the domestic existence of the Paris middle classes hangs on the porter's lodge."

By the mid-century, Napoleon III turned the concierge into a pillar of his police state. Her role as informer led to the quip that order in the France of the Second Empire was enforced by four institutions: the Courts, the Church, the Army and the Concierge.

Balzac, Zola and just about all the great novelists had their crack at the hapless concierge. In the 20th century, she emerged as the comic crone of the pre-war cinema, invariably depicted broom in hand berating noisy visitors. During the war, some became notorious for denouncing tenants to the Gestapo and others for shielding their *locataires* from arrest.

Mme Ducarroz, who is much appreciated by her old tenants, thinks the spying legend is unfair. "It is just that the concierge sees everything and knows everything. You have to keep an eye out. It's part of the job. It's normal that the police drop in for information, whether they are from the morals brigade or whatever." Knowing who is having affairs with whom, watching the coming and going of her charges, "requires a lot of discretion and a lot of respect", she says.

Social change means that there is little chance of preserving the old institution, but there is no doubt that the concierge is enjoying a belated rehabilitation. Only in the 1960s were concierges allowed time off from their vigil, ending the old tradition of the concierge who slept with a cord around her wrist, ready to yank open the front door bolt for night-time arrivals.

Last year, their union won concessions in a battle against a law which required them to retire at 65, a step which often meant losing the tiny lodging which they had occupied for decades. Now, with high unemployment, the authorities are encouraging the profession of *gardienne*, along with a range of other jobs once regarded as too menial for the young generation and better suited to Mediterranean immigrants.

My own building is run by one of the new-style couples, M and Mme Toulet, both French and in their twenties. They have nothing in common with the Pipelets. But we are happily kept up to date on the domestic misfortunes of our neighbours. As Céline said in *Journey to the End of the Night*: "A city without its concierge has no history and no taste, it is a soup with neither pepper nor salt."

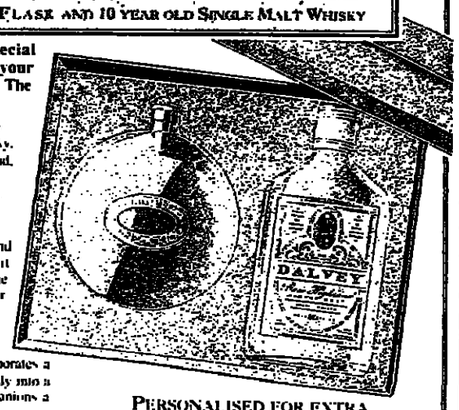
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Simple solution to birth defects … overcoming renal disease in diabetes … smoking adds to infant deaths

An end to spina bifida



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

IT BECAME known this week that Lady Tryon, friend and confidante of the Prince of Wales, has had surgery, and is now receiving radiotherapy at the Royal Marsden Hospital in central London for a malignancy discovered at a routine check following orthopaedic surgery for her spina bifida.

When Lady Tryon was born 44 years ago, there was no known way of preventing spina bifida, and thus of sparing her the long battle she has fought, and won, to live a full life.

Spina bifida is one of the many abnormalities that can affect the developing nervous system in the foetus. It usually becomes manifest within the first two months of pregnancy. The vertebral column fails to close completely, so that the spinal cord is left exposed. Often there is a sac overlying the affected area of the spine, which may contain the meninges — the membranes covering of the spinal cord — or the cord itself. In the latter case, there is a variable degree of paralysis and damage to the nerves leading to the bladder and gut.

Today, the incidence of spina bifida, or other abnormalities of the foetal nervous system, can be reduced by giving pregnant women folic acid with, according to evidence from a recent Dublin survey, vitamin B12.

Folic acid IS readily available, has no taste, no side-effects and has a proven record of safety — at least one teaching hospital has been routinely prescribing it for 35 years. Despite all this, many women are still not taking it. In consequence, many babies are doomed to disfigurement, crippling defects or even death.

All the evidence shows that women contemplating pregnancy should be taking folic acid and vitamin B12. In many cases, for the woman to wait until she knows she is pregnant is to wait too long. The nervous system has already been laid down in the developing foetus by the time the woman realises she is pregnant.

If a pregnancy is not planned, a woman's first port of call after she realises she has missed a period should be to see her family doctor for a prescription of folic acid and vitamin B12 tablets.

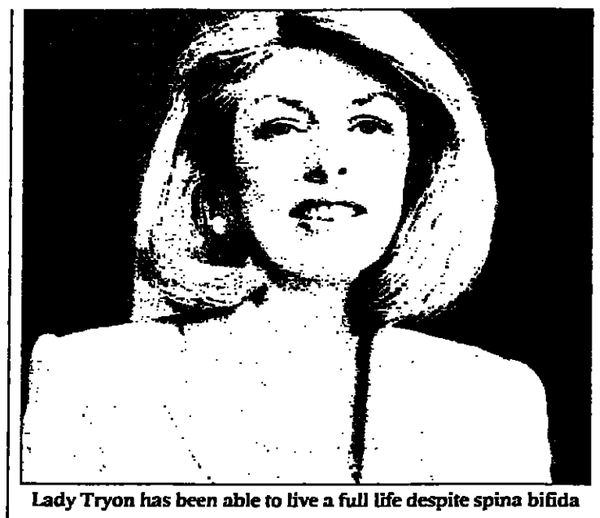
Some women misguidedly rely on a healthy diet, rich in foliates, to prevent spina bifida. These patients — and any doctors who support them in this — are deluding themselves.

The diet, however good, needs supplementing with these additional vitamins if abnormal babies are to be avoided.

The Lancet reports that a recent survey in Leeds showed that only 2 per cent of pregnant women were advised to have folic acid supplements at the appropriate stage of their pregnancy, although another 0.4 per cent took folic acid on their own initiative; thereby leaving more than 97 per cent at risk.

In a Dublin survey of 56,000 women, published in the *Quarterly Journal of Medicine*, there was convincing evidence that low levels of vitamin B12, as well as folic acid, resulted in babies being born with nervous system abnormalities.

A small Hungarian trial last year showed that folic acid and vitamin B12, when taken together, provided 100 per cent protection, and earlier British work suggested that 72 per cent of unborn babies would be protected.



Lady Tryon has been able to live a full life despite spina bifida

ACE to play



IF ACE inhibitors (angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors) had been available when President Andropov ruled the eastern bloc, would the Berlin Wall have ever come down, or would the Iron Curtain have been lifted?

Andropov, the hard-line Soviet leader, died when renal failure complicated his insulin-dependent diabetes. Between 20 and 30 per cent of diabetic patients taking insulin develop serious kidney failure. About 20 to 30 per cent of the non-insulin dependent diabetics have similar troubles, and once renal failure has occurred, must anticipate their life expectancy to be only one-fifth of that of the population in their age group.

An American study from Chicago, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, shows that the ACE inhibitor, Captopril, slows the process of renal disease and delays the need for transplantation or dialysis, or when death supervenes.

ACE inhibitors are widely used to treat high blood pressure, but the Chicago findings also showed that the effect on the preservation of kidney function was independent of its influence on hypertension. It suggested that ACE inhibitors may work by preventing scarring in the kidney. Whatever the mechanism, over a three-year period Captopril achieved a 50 per cent reduction in the number of patients who needed major renal treatment, whether dialysis or transplantation, or who died.

New guidelines from the British Diabetic Association and the health department on the treatment of diabetes with renal disease are expected to include recommendations that ACE inhibitors should be used for these patients.

ACE inhibitors, already of proven use in the treatment of heart failure as well as hypertension, are also becoming part of standard post-coronary thrombosis treatment. It is recommended that these can, and indeed should, be incorporated into the treatment regime a matter of hours after any emergency treatment.

Smoke alarm



TAKING a small baby into the parents' bed is frowned upon, rightly, by doctors. There is always the fear that, like piglets being squashed by a sow in the sty, small babies may be inadvertently crushed by their parents.

The risk is a real one, but some of the factors which seem to increase it must be re-thought after a study of sudden infant death syndrome in New Zealand children.

The *British Medical Journal* reports that although bed-sharing increases the risk of sudden infant death syndrome, the most important factor did not seem to be overlaying (the medical term for crushing) by a parent. A more significant risk for "cot deaths", it reported, was parental smoking.

Parents who smoke and also take their infants into their beds significantly compound the chances of having a baby who suffers sudden infant death syndrome.

The study suggests that as many as 20 per cent of all the deaths from this cause in New Zealand could be accounted for by a combination of parental smoking and bed-sharing.

These deaths seem to be due more to the effects of passive smoking than to any injuries caused by crushing.

Wiping the smiles off young faces

Are sugary drinks harming children's teeth? **Annabel Ferriman** reports

When five-year-old Jonathan Sinker started school in September, his proud father took a photograph of him in his new school uniform. But Jonathan refused to smile because his teeth were small, brown stumps.

He had been given a constant diet of sugary drinks from the age of six months. Now his father, Richard Sinker, and 650 other families plan to sue five children's drink manufacturers: Ribena, Robinson's, Milupa, Cow & Gate and Boots, alleging that they did not warn them about the danger to children's teeth from the sugar in their products.

Jonathan had to have a general anaesthetic recently to have six teeth extracted. Every year about 25,000 children under five go through a similar trauma, joined by another 12,000 between the ages of five and nine. Because of considerable improvements in dental health among middle-class children, many adults believe that the scourge of dental caries has been almost eliminated. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"There was an improvement in dental caries in five-year-olds in northeast England between 1976 and 1981," says Andrew Rugg-Gunn, professor of preventive dentistry at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne Dental School. Most of that could be attributed to the introduction of fluoride toothpaste.

"But between 1981 and 1987 there was no further reduction in caries among five-year-olds and we are not expecting to see any change in the figures for the last five years, which are due out soon," he says.

While Professor Rugg-Gunn believes that the improvement has levelled off, other specialists think that children's dental health is actually declining.

"In the five-year-old age group, there has been a tendency for things to get worse," says Dr John Beal, consultant in dental public health to Leeds health authority. "We do not know the reason, though I suspect that it may be due to a change in children's eating habits. Snacking is becoming more and more common. If children are having frequent sugar intakes, dental decay will increase."

This worry about increased sugar consumption among children led a group of dental experts and public health campaigners to set up a baby drinks campaign last year. They are worried about four types of drinks, which are aimed at babies and infants: concentrated syrups (Ribena, Delrosa); baby fruit juices (Robinson and Cow & Gate); herbal teas (Milupa) and milk-based bedtime drinks (Boots).

The companies all claim that they provide adequate warnings and instructions, and deny liability.

But the parents will claim that the warnings were not adequate. Mr Sinker, a postal sorting officer from Liverpool, says: "The bottles now have instructions on them, but when I used them, they just said 'Dilute to taste'. It was difficult to know how much to use."

Ribena bottles now have elaborate instructions on the back, saying that for children aged one to three, parents should dilute with at least six parts water and that they should not use more than two tablespoons a day.

Some parents believe that it does not matter if their children's first teeth are damaged by caries because they fall out anyway. But dentists say the early loss of baby teeth can lead to second teeth coming in crooked.

"Dental caries also causes pain", Professor Rugg-Gunn says, "means time off school and leads to the need for extractions. It is a bad introduction to dentistry. A medical report on infant feeding said that these fruit flavoured drinks were not a necessary part of any child's diet. It points out that thirsty infants will take water without flavouring."



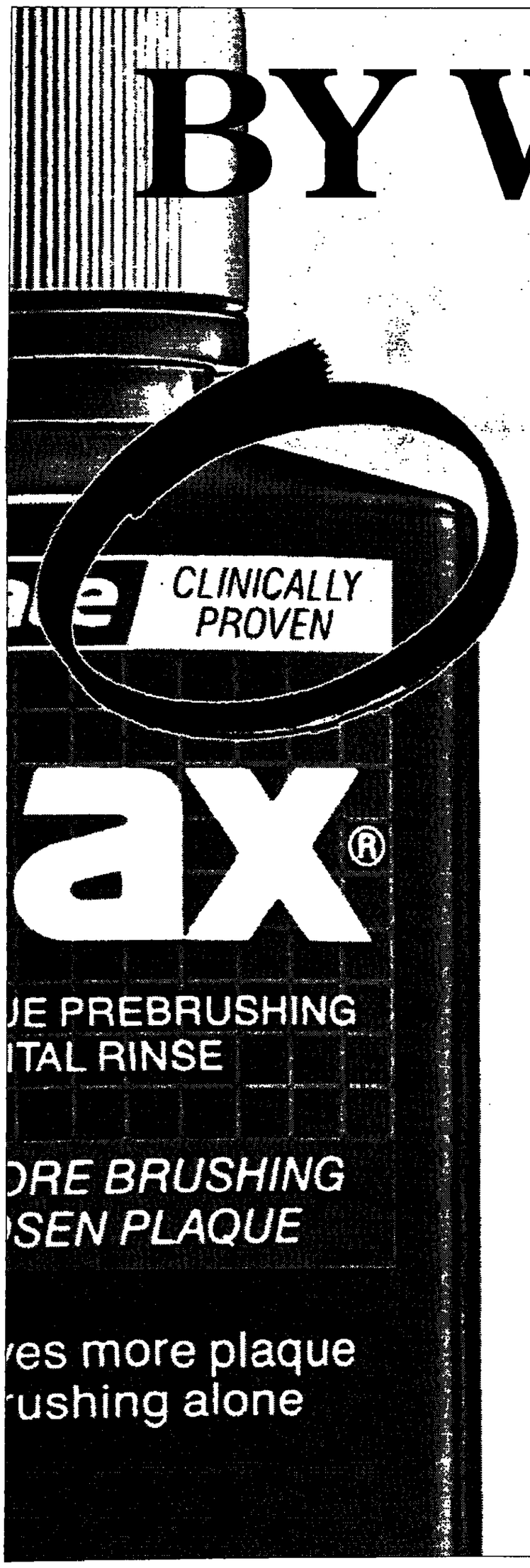
Jonathan: extractions

A spokesman for Milupa says: "Milupa has had warnings on their sugar-containing products since 1988. These warnings were defined over the years as evidence of misuse became increasingly apparent. The warnings now say: 'Don't let your child use it as a comforter, because prolonged contact with drinks containing sugar can increase the risk of tooth decay.'"

At Boots they say: "For at least ten years, our labels have carried the warning that infant drinks should not be used with 'hollow feeders, dummies and soothers'." A spokesman for Colman's, which manufacturers Robinson's brand drinks, says: "Labelling on the Robinson's brand contains full instructions for use. The wording is constantly reviewed in the light of advice from experts."

Cow & Gate makes similar points. "The warnings have got clearer and have been spelt out more precisely over time. Since the mid to late 1980s, there have been warnings about not using these drinks in comforters and dummies and now there are clear instructions about dilution."

A spokesman for Smithkline Beecham says that following an out-of-court settlement with 12 families in 1991, the instructions were looked at very closely and made even clearer. "Baby Ribena, correctly used, is safe for babies and young children. It is only damaging to teeth if it is abused."



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Janet Daley



■ Every adult is responsible for instilling goodness into children by constant vigilance

Journalists usually become inured to this. Like policemen, they develop a protective callousness in order to cope with every harrowing detail of the most repulsive crimes. But I have never known a story get under the skin like the murder of James Bulger. There have been child killings before. Indeed, the last year has been full of them: Tim Parry and Jonathan Ball killed by a terrorist bomb, the infant victims of Beverly Allitt, not to mention the latest roster of young dead in Ulster's continuing cataclysm. I cannot recall a period in which there has been such a relentless flow of horror involving the pointless death of children.

And yet there is something in the Bulger case that goes beyond all this. One obvious reason is that the acts were committed *by* children. This fact is traumatic on a whole series of fronts. Our modern view of childhood sees it as the embodiment of innocence. Thus, the only explanation for this crime is that society has become so depraved that it is corrupting children even before they have reached puberty. What sort of country is it, runs the argument, in which ten-year-olds are capable of this? We must all be guilty of creating the conditions in which such unnatural events can take place.

> Society's guilt lies in dismantling right and wrong

While we may all be, in some sense, responsible for James Bulger's murder, it is not on the grounds that children are naturally without malice or evil intent. On the contrary, what happened to him seems to me not an incomprehensible, freakish incident but simply the worst possible example of amoral childish viciousness: horrible precisely to the degree that it was childlike — random, aimless and without conscience. This *is* what children are capable of being, left to their own devices. That is to say, without the constant, tireless surveillence and moral control of adults.

Since the case began, countless people have told me anecdotes about their own childhoods: stories of cruelty or bullying — the torturing of an animal, the tormenting of a younger sibling — which might have become addictive and finally frenzied had they not been stopped. Almost everyone has memories, as either victim or perpetrator, of the commonplace sadism of childhood's dark side.

This may go some way to explaining the compulsive quality of the trial evidence. Many people have said that they read every word of the testimony, even though it was nearly unendurable. The cynical see this as sheer ghoulish curiosity. I find it more creditable: a self-punishing desire to know the worst, so that it may be addressed. There is a feeling that by encountering something that is unfathomable and yet familiar — never has the phrase "the banality of evil" seemed more apt — one is forced to face it head on.

And having faced it, what do we find? An act so awesome, and impulses so timeless, that they make offensive nonsense of the social science platitudes of the age. What the case of James Bulger reveals most clearly is the inadequacy of most contemporary accounts of crime and violence. Explanations of minor delinquency which put the blame on poverty are at least plausible enough to merit argument. But to blame the murder of James Bulger on a litany of social disadvantages is to demean it, to reduce it fatuously to a simple chain, with unemployment at one end and bestiality at the other. What an insulting picture this is, anyway, of the poor and disadvantaged: as if they were robbed of any degree of free will by their misfortunes. If they behave badly, at least permit them some pride in their own freedom of action, rather than depicting them as pitiable victims blown hither and thither by blind social forces.

Scientific rationalists that we are, we cannot accept the central mystery of the human condition: that we are all born with a capacity for evil and a readiness to be good. How most of us learn to be good rather than evil is a secondary mystery, but there is little doubt that it requires the presence of other people.

Good behaviour is taught and measured by others, whereas bad behaviour may grow in perverse isolation, feeding on its own introversion. Instructing the young to suppress their innate evil impulses is the individual and collective responsibility of adults. Without constant supervision (and the kind of moral instruction now regarded as authoritarian) the young can and will run amok into amoral, sadistic egoism.

If the country shares in the blame for this murder, it is not because of particular social conditions, which are experienced by many who do not torture toddlers to death. It is for a much more subtle abdication of responsibility: a wilful dismantling of any absolute sense of right and wrong. Parents, teachers and public authority once supported each other to present a united front against the universally acknowledged presence of evil. If we are "all guilty", it is of refusing to accept the naturalness of evil and that all adults — even the reluctant and cowardly — must be held responsible for keeping it in check.



What the bloc-heads miss

If protectionism triumphs, Europe will lose out to the coming Asian miracle

William Rees-Mogg

Last Sunday we sailed round the island of Hong Kong in a small yacht: as we came back through the crowded junks in Aberdeen Harbour, we were passed by a much larger yacht going in the opposite direction. On the top deck, well wrapped against the evening chill, stood the imposing figure of the Chancellor of Germany, Helmut Kohl. He had come down to Hong Kong after a visit to Peking in which the German party had picked up some very substantial Chinese orders. As Chancellor Kohl is the most powerful politician in Europe, his interest in China, and his presence in Hong Kong were welcomed. It is Europe which looks like being left out of the great development that is taking place in Pacific Asia.

From Hong Kong it is clear that Europe does not yet understand what is at stake. The European Community has failed to foresee, or even to recognise, the massive shift of wealth and power from Europe to Pacific Asia, or the equally great shift taking place in North America from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts. In global terms, Europe has been outpaced by Asian economic performance, but also by the ability of the United States to make an adjustment which Europe is not yet attempting. There are now said to be more Americans working in Hong Kong than Britons.

It is fashionable to point to the problems of China, including inflation, agrarian discontent, the imbalance between the industrial and peasant populations, widespread corruption, and the unsolved problems of the future of the regime. The path of Chinese development will be anything but smooth, yet the growth of the Chinese economy continues to be spectacular. In 1993, industrial output is expected to rise by 21 per cent, and China's gross domestic product as a whole by more than 13 per cent, the same rate as 1992. These statistics may be imprecise, but the trend is unmistakable.

In nominal terms, this gives China a gross domestic product of rather more than $500 billion, or about a tenth of that of the European Community. In real terms, measured in equal purchasing power, the Chinese economy is much larger than that, probably around $3 trillion, or more than half the size of the EC.

At present rates of growth, China's GDP will have more than doubled by the year 2000, and industrial production will have quadrupled, although its actual performance may turn out to be lower than that. By 2000, the real size of the Chinese economy is likely to be equal to that of the present EC: by 2005, it will probably be as large as or larger than that of the United States, and possibly as large as the whole of North America's. By 2010, the Pacific economy — China, Japan and the other Pacific Asian countries — may well be larger in terms of purchasing power than North America and the EC combined. In only 17 years from now, Asia will be the economic heartland of the world, a position Europe or America has held for 500 years. It is all happening much faster than we think.

Of course one cannot predict those political events which could postpone or even abort this development. As China grows, the Chinese middle class will grow; in its present form the political structure is unlikely to contain the social forces, so it will need to adjust to them. Yet the basic conditions for this huge Chinese development are already in place. There is no economic reason why the industrial regions of China should not follow the pattern which has already been established in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong. Low costs, high profit potential, high investment and rapid technology transfer are the conditions of economic growth: all three exist in China, backed by the entrepreneurial energy and massive funds of the overseas Chinese.

America has seen what is happening, and is responding to it by emphasising its role as a Pacific power. There is always a lot of talk about the decline of Britain's special relationship; what we need to be concerned about is the end of Europe's special relationship. After Pearl Harbor in 1941, President Roosevelt decided, against some American advice even then, to give the European war the higher priority, to finish the war against Japan only after Nazi Germany had been defeated. In 1993, America would not again choose such a priority.

In the past eight days, the American administration has secured the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement and held a successful meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation countries. Nafta consolidates North America as an economic bloc: membership of Apec gives that bloc a special position in promoting Asian development. We have no similar European initiatives, and there is every evidence that Europe is looking inward. Both costs and unemployment are too high, but there are rising pressures from protectionism, and the EC has lost the ability to respond to events. We have also had the disastrous Italian election results. For a European observer, the view from Hong Kong is one of tragic waste.

On the whole, the British response has been rather in advance of that of continental Europe. Some but not all British businesses are taking their share of the opportunities of the great Chinese development. There are differences of opinion about Chris Patten's policy as governor, but there is general recognition that he is a major political figure who is fighting courageously for the real political and constitutional interests of the Hong Kong community. If only his policies had been adopted by previous administrations, perhaps ten or 20 years ago. Yet there are many strange British blunders. Why on earth did Douglas Hurd, of all people, make his bizarre attack on China's Olympic ambitions? We ought to make friends of China, not gratuitously make enemies.

Chris Patten, the governor, has had to spend much of his time trying to dispel Chinese government suspicions that Britain is part of an international conspiracy to overthrow its regime. Since last year he has been working to reassure the Chinese after the perfectly accurate warnings from the former Singapore prime minister Lee Kuan Yew about these Chinese suspicions. Of course the Chinese know that Britain, like other countries, has its intelligence services. Obviously it was wrong to make public reference to MI6 activity in China at a time when very delicate negotiations about the future of Hong Kong were taking place.

These errors of judgment suggest that the Foreign Office is getting it wrong, and probably has less understanding than British businessmen in Hong Kong, let alone than Mr Patten. British businessmen are trying with Chinese partners to make their contribution to the economic development. The $615 million joint venture in the Shekou Container Terminal, announced this week, in which Swire Pacific and P&O have a 50 per cent interest is the right kind of long-term and potentially very profitable partnership investment. Britain has an advantage in its connection with Hong Kong, because this is the greatest trading and investment city of the region. If the British could develop a more positive China policy, we would be the strongest link between Europe and the long-term expansion of the Pacific area. The Hong Kong connection is indeed Europe's natural way of investing in the development of China, just as the Pacific coast is America's natural connection.

The very success of Chancellor Kohl's visit, the warmth with which he was greeted, and the orders Germany received, were partly China's way of showing displeasure with Britain and France, with Britain over its Hong Kong policy and with France over the sale of military aircraft to Taiwan. But it also showed China's interest in Europe, if only as a counterweight to the economic and political power of the United States. If Europe is isolated, it will be the responsibility of Europe rather than China.

The right policy would include active support for China's future claim to host the Olympics and rising investment. It would make the settlement of Hong Kong's future after 1997 not more difficult, but easier. By tending to dispel Chinese suspicion, it would help Chris Patten in his justified determination to advance democracy and maintain the rule of law, which are both essential to Hong Kong's future social and commercial well-being. Potentially it would be very profitable. Yet Europe is far from developing any such policy. If the world does split into three great trading blocs, the growth will be in the Pacific, the technology in North America, and the unemployment — and perhaps the fascism — in Europe.

In the face of frailty

John Habgood

says this evil calls for repentance not recrimination

It is the loss of an image of childhood which hurts. A dozen children may die tragically in a minibus, a hundred in Bosnia, a thousand or ten thousand in Somalia or the Sudan, but the killing of James Bulger has induced a mood of self-questioning far in excess of these other horrors. Everybody knows that ten-year-olds can be cruel. They can bully each other. They can be cheeky, thoughtless and rude. They can fantasise about war and killing. But fundamentally, as adults tend to see them, they are innocent. There is a line between fantasy and reality, between trying something on and actually perpetrating evil.

The shock of the Bulger case is its revelation of how far that line has been crossed. It is important not to exaggerate. Robert Thompson and Jon Venables are, thank God, rare exceptions. But to discover that the line can be crossed by children so young, and with such devastating consequences, should raise urgent questions about the kind of diet on which their imaginations have been fed, and about the way in which they learnt to see their fellow human beings. It is not for me to speculate on the motives for their crime. The lessons to be drawn from this tragic case are about the influences which the adult world brings to bear on its children. It is therefore a proper focus for national self-questioning, a dreadful counter-image to the pride and joy which most parents experience in their children, a fearful warning of what might be.

The Old Testament uses the phrase "evil imagination" to describe what goes wrong with human beings. Jesus spoke about evil coming from the heart. It is a common experience that temptation begins in the mind, in playing with forbidden ideas, in fantasising about some gratification, or display of power, or act of revenge.

In resisting temptation, we learn not to play too long with such notions, and to beware of the slippery slope which opens up when the first steps are taken towards yielding. When St Paul wrote "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things", he was laying down the first line of defence — safeguard the imagination itself. Do not suppose that it is possible to entertain foul and destructive fantasies and remain unscathed. There can be a pollution of the mind — sometimes even in the name of art, realism, honesty, adventurousness and other high-sounding justifications — but it is pollution nonetheless, a mental indulgence in the fascination of evil. To know where to draw the line need not be philistinism, it may be a proper prudence in the face of human fragility. Nor should such prudence concern itself solely with the protection of children. If the adult world corrupts its imagination, the children will not be far behind.

When the boundary between fantasy and reality is blurred, the danger is increased. There is a sense, of course, in which everybody lives, at least partially, in an unreal world of their own making, and one of the functions of good art and adventurous exploration is to strip away illusion. But the cynical exploitation of violence, horror, lust and degradation can have precisely the opposite effect. It can make fantasy seem more compelling and more real. The same impulses which lead soap-opera fans to send wreaths for fantasy funerals can lead other fragile minds to see kidnapping and killing as normal.

Of course, I have no idea whether this is what was actually happening in the minds of these particular children. In a sense it does not matter. The importance of their crime lies in what it says about the potential for evil in children of an age at which innocence was once taken for granted. That potential has been fed by the adult environment in which many children now grow up. If the whole sad story can lead to a greater awareness of the extent to which the so-called "adult" world has entertained evil, played with it, lusted over it, and indulged in it, then James Bulger may not have died in vain.

But this is only the first step, and the direction of the next one is all-important. St Paul distinguished between "a sorrow of this world" and "a sorrow which leads to repentance". The first sorrow leads merely to recrimination, and recrimination to depression, and depression may well seek again the kind of self-indulgent stimulation which began the whole process.

The other sorrow, the sorrow of repentance, can break the vicious circle. The promise of new life and hope on the other side of honest self-assessment can restore delight in ordinary goodness. Perhaps this is already happening. The surge of compassion in recent weeks and the evidences of simple decency are pointers to what might be. But the possibilities of repentance need to be grasped quickly, if the road is not to continue downwards.

Dr Habgood is Archbishop of York.

Reader's ticket granted

BARONESSES are clearly not for rebuffing — even after they have taken a swipe at just about every senior member of the Tory party in their first volume of memoirs.

With Lady T now getting down to work on volume two, which will cover her years in Opposition in the 1970s, there has been speculation that party grandees might exact revenge. For unlike the Cabinet Office archive, to which the former prime minister had immediate access, the papers covering her years in Opposition are very much the property of the Conservative party. And, it seems, very much bound by a party-imposed 30-year rule. Even for prime ministers.

The papers are stored for the party in a special archive in the Bodleian Library in Oxford, from which Thatcher's aides received a polite but firm rebuff. Mary Clapinson, the keeper of Western manuscripts, explains: "The 30-year rule applies to official papers. It is a perfectly normal rule for contemporary papers when they are political. But the rules are fixed by the Conservative party, not the university. You must take it up with them."

Thatcher's aides did, but with no great hopes of success. As one put it: "We thought the party leadership would wreak its revenge on Lady Thatcher by barring access."

But they had reckoned without the oleaginous skills of party chairman Sir Norman Fowler, a man no doubt all too aware of Thatcher's importance in improving the party's parlous financial position. By yesterday afternoon, Thatcher could have access to just about anything, short of the keys to No 10.

"Of course Lady Thatcher will be allowed access to the party records from her period as leader," said Sir Norman. "We are happy to provide as much help as possible."

"Thatcher: The Flood Street Years" is on its way.

● *It should have been Martyn Lewis's finest half-hour. With interest rates down and Graham Taylor finally doing the decent thing, good news was breaking out all over on Tuesday night. But presenting* The Nine O'Clock News, *Lewis seemed almost lost for words. "It isn't any form of retribution," he croaked yesterday. "I do not lose my voice every time we get good news. We did a test at seven which was all right, but my voice deteriorated markedly and by nine it was sinking into my boots."*

DIARY

Theatrical gesture

UGLY scenes in Downing Street on Tuesday, as Sybil Fawlty poured the ire she once reserved for Basil onto John Major's hapless doorman. "We're here to save the theatres," announced Sybil's alter-ego, actress Prunella Scales, to No 10's uniformed flunkey.

"Ah yes," he said, quaking just a little. "You're here to save the theatres. Any particular theatre?"

"Yes, actually," Scales snapped back, thumping down 12 boxes containing a 250,000-signature petition protesting at the impending £5 million cut to the Arts Council budget. "Forty regional theatres that will go to the wall if the grant cut goes ahead."

The doorman's ignorance, says Scales, was "quite chilling. I don't mean to pick on him, but he is an employee of the government and this government's record on the arts is appalling." Honestly, you can't get the staff these days.

Another lost cause

JOHN MAJOR might just be on to something with his call for a return to traditional values. For Magdalen College, Oxford, has delivered a thundering mandate for nostalgia. Well, briefly thundering.

Third-year classicist James Spencer-Anderson stood for the presidency of the college's junior common room on a manifesto calling for compulsory chapel at 8 am daily, replacement of the JCR minibus by a pony and trap, Saturday afternoon tea-dances at which gentlemen and ladies might properly "interact", and formal hall every evening. Somewhat to the candidate's surprise, he won.

"He got the most votes — 149 to 89," says the current president Gavin Weir. "But he broke all the rules." A tribunal has now been held, and Spencer-Anderson has been duly disqualified, with his votes being redistributed to the other three candidates.

Bad health

IT'S a dangerous business, medicine. The author of the updated *Good Doctor Guide*, the first edition of which caused considerable consternation in the profession six years ago, has been receiving anonymous threats.

Martin Page, who recommends more than 500 doctors in his new guide, says that he has been sent letters by doctors claiming their careers are in jeopardy because they are not on his list. "Doctors have been on to my publishers saying the book is illegal because of the law which prevents doctors advertising their services. I even had a letter from one doctor saying his career had been jeopardised because his name was not in the book before it had even been published."

Dr Thomas Stuttaford, *The Times*'s doctor, says: "The whole idea of the guide is invidious. The last time round he included lots of people he knew and left out a lot of good doctors. But there should be a bad doctors guide. Now that would be useful."



Mirror image

GROWING doubts over the political allegiance of the hitherto Labour-supporting *Daily Mirror* appear well founded. For Conservative Central Office has just received two letters from a senior Mirror Group executive inviting the party to sponsor articles in the newspaper.

Vanessa Ford, the party's press officer, is amazed by the invitation from Roger Eastoe, MGN's deputy managing director, for the Tories to take part in "press sponsorship".

"We are pleased that the *Daily Mirror* is keen to have the Conservative party as a sponsor," says Ford. "Clearly they now realise that the Labour party has nothing to offer its readers. We are considering their kind offer." Can it be long before the Tory's flaming torch appears over the *Mirror*'s political stories?

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THE THREE EVILS

Out of the Bulger case come lessons great and small

The guilty verdicts in the James Bulger case ended a trial which has been as much an emotional ordeal as a defence of justice. Horror at the brutal murder of this tiny child — horror which reverberated around the world — was matched by disbelief that two young boys who had not even reached adolescence should be capable of such crimes. To pretend that there are rational explanations for the way in which Robert Thompson and Jon Venables acted on February 12 would be facile indeed. Yet the shocking resonance of the case means we must at least try to comprehend it.

This murder can be seen both as a parable of modern times and a reminder of humanity's most ancient and bestial instincts. Popular reaction to the behaviour of James's youthful killers has been conditioned by the belief, prevalent since the Victorian era, that childhood is a time of innocence. Mr Justice Morland's decision to limit court sittings to school hours and the demeanour of the two defendants — one of whom carried a teddy-bear — strengthened the sense of incomprehension that any child should be able to inflict such barbarities upon another.

But childhood has a darker side which past societies perhaps understood better than our own. Augustine's first memory was of himself forcing his own twin brutally from his mother's breast. In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, childhood was regarded as a disease from which humans recovered as they grew into morally complete adults. Though this pathological approach to child-rearing has no place in modern society, it contains a germ of truth: that children should not be presumed to be innately good. In the lexicon of crime there is metaphysical evil, the imperfection of all mankind: there is physical evil, the suffering that humans cause each other; and there is moral evil, the choice of vice over virtue. Children are separated by necessity of age from none of these three.

The Bulger case is a reminder, therefore, of the grave responsibility which adults bear towards the children in their care. The respective histories of Thompson and Venables are only now emerging, but it is painfully clear in both cases that not enough was done to stop their passage into worlds beyond morality and compassion. Thompson came from a family traumatised by separation, heavy drinking and petty brushes with the law. He had become a compulsive truant. It is difficult to avoid the sickening conclusion that at some stage down this grim path away from normality he decided to kill an infant — and even rehearsed the abduction of James with his own terrified younger brother.

Venables, though older, was clearly the weaker of the defendants, impressed by Thompson's recklessness and drawn easily into his schemes. The silent complicity between the two, who habitually truanted together, was apparent even in court. Theirs was a vicious *folie à deux* in which guilt was spread. Many adults who knew the children recognised the unhealthy alliance which had grown between them. None acted with sufficient vigour to stop it. While the parents of Venables have responded to the trial with shock and contrition, Thompson's mother has tried to blame her child's headmistress for his actions and the social services for their lack of support. Her grotesque complaints speak volumes about the immediate background to this case.

No amount of analysis can mitigate the horror of James Bulger's lonely death. But from a trail which prompted national concern about moral decline, juvenile crime and the disappearance of social constraints have emerged lessons as simple as they are hard to put into practice. Only the watchfulness of those who care for children can protect them from their worst instincts. No adult who has followed this tragedy and its aftermath can fail to be moved by that awesome sense of responsibility.

DOWN IN THE DARKNESS

The warning from a day of lucky escapes

To be stuck in a crowded underground train in the darkness of the tunnels beneath London is a traveller's nightmare. Yesterday 20,000 passengers had to be led along the tunnels by the fire brigade after a catastrophic failure in both the main power supply and the back-up system. More than 100,000 people had their journeys disrupted; several of those trapped for up to three hours in tunnels, including the elderly and pregnant women, suffered shock and claustrophobia, and had to be given oxygen. The one fortunate aspect of this appalling breakdown is that no one was killed.

The disaster has long been predicted. Parts of the Victorian system are more than 100 years old. The high-voltage cable that failed on the Central Line was 70 years old; many of the signals have not been renewed for 40 years. A decade of neglect and underinvestment has left the system so vulnerable that almost every day there is disruption of one kind or another: signals fail, doors jam, train motors break, escalators are out of action. In addition water seepage is increasing; trackbed and bridges crumble. As the frustration of commuters rises, journeys to and from work become unpleasant, unreliable, and ill-tempered. Overseas visitors are horrified by a network that is one of the most expensive and decrepit in all Europe. No wonder that poor public transport is regularly cited as a reason against foreign companies coming to the capital.

It took a fire at King's Cross and the lives of 31 people for the government to realise that its neglect of the Underground had built up fatal dangers. Since then there has been an urgent programme of investment. But what was promised in 1991 was swiftly clawed back the following year. Government funding has fallen from £850m to £550m, and London Underground was forced to cancel or postpone urgent repairs. Sir Wilfrid Newton remarked bitterly that London had been singled out for cuts and prophesied deteriorating services.

Any chairman of any company confronting such commercial betrayal would speak in such harsh terms. Sir Wilfrid is wrong only in that British Rail can voice the same complaint. Last Saturday a breakdown in the power supply to the West Coast main line from Euston disrupted all trains to Manchester and the North for the entire day, with some passengers trapped for seven hours. This line also urgently needs renewal; was also promised money and has also seen that promise evaporate.

Management has been poor on the Underground in the past; unions have been aggressive and the overmanned service sloppy. But blame for this latest fiasco cannot be laid at management's door. Where money has been spent, the transformation has been extraordinary. London Underground's fault is that it has lobbied for both the Jubilee Line extension and the upgrading of the basic system. At a time when public spending must be cut, choices had to be made. Was it sensible to press ahead with the Jubilee Line when the rest of the system, on which three million people daily depend, was falling to bits?

LIBERATING TELEVISION

ITV will benefit from new rules governing its ownership

The changes to the ITV ownership rules announced yesterday by Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, mark an important step forward in the deregulation of British television. To its credit, the government has acknowleged that the controls on companies introduced by the 1990 Broadcasting Act are already out of date and that independent companies need more flexibility if they are to compete effectively with companies abroad.

The existing restrictions prevent companies from holding more than one regional licence in the eight most lucrative advertising areas. Under Mr Brooke's proposals, companies will now be able to hold two such licences — with the exception that no company will be permitted to control the two London franchises. Although it is likely that three or four major interests will eventually dominate ITV, the amended regulations will ensure that at least eight different companies have a controlling interest in at least one area. This provision should answer the objection that further concentration of ownership will tend towards monopoly control of advertising revenue.

For some viewers, the more immediate fear is that takeovers will discourage regional programming. But this alarm reflects a confusion of the rules governing ownership and the rules governing broadcasting itself. Wherever a company has its head offices, it will still be bound by its licence to include a certain amount of regional programming and to make a certain number of programmes within the area whose franchise it controls. Where regional programmes are inexpensive and popular, increased competition should encourage companies to make more of them.

If nothing else, the new regulations will remove the absurd anomaly that British television companies can not bid against foreign investors to buy out their own domestic competitors. Beyond this, greater freedom to merge should enable companies to strengthen the nation's production base and its reputation as an exporter of programmes. In this respect, the heritage secretary's timing was apposite. At the Emmy awards this week, British programmes won four of the top six honours, defeating nominations from 34 other countries. While the British film industry remains sunk in the doldrums, the prestige of British television is growing in the increasingly competitive global market. To preserve this record of achievement, it is essential that independent companies be given the chance to merge, seek economies of scale and reduce overheads. This deregulation is the necessary corollary to the new exporting strategy for broadcasting launched recently by Mr Brooke and Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade.

The heritage secretary's decision to liberalise ITV ownership by stages rather than overnight may disappoint champions of radical deregulation. Nonetheless, a degree of caution was probably wise after a period of great upheaval in independent television. The goal of greater liberalisation must still be kept firmly in sight.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Importance of aid effort in Bosnia

From Mr Timothy Winter

Sir, Douglas Hurd's intimations of a possible end to UN aid efforts in Bosnia (report, November 20) and your leading article today are extremely distressing. Having returned three days ago from a tour of the region, I can confirm that the international relief programme has already saved several hundred thousand lives from extinction.

Although civilians in central Bosnia are hungry and often ill, they owe their continued existence to the UNHCR-led aid programme. Should this programme be suspended in order to furnish a political lever against the Sarajevo government and the ethnic factions, there is no doubt that — as your leader forecasts — up to a million people would die amid the snows during the coming winter.

It must be appreciated, moreover, that even if the blue helmets are pulled out, many private charities will continue to operate in Bosnia. The danger to the lives of aid workers, including many Britons, would be greatly increased by such a withdrawal.

Europe has failed to halt this war through negotiations and trade sanctions. That failure has already had grim consequences. But if we fail also to feed and care for the civilian victims, we shall be abdicating a most fundamental duty of European and human solidarity.

Last month the European Court of Justice confirmed that the Bosnian war is a case of genocide. It is hard to comprehend why Britain should appear to advocate the abandonment, rather than the enhancement, of efforts to save the survivors of this holocaust.

Yours sincerely,
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November 22.

Combating truancy

From Dame Mary Donaldson

Sir, Years ago I was both a juvenile court magistrate and the only non-party political member of the old Inner London Education Authority. We were then faced with increasing truancy (letters, November 19) and its related increase in juvenile crime. This has never been tackled adequately.

One suggestion would be to make a flexible school-leaving age between the years of 16 and 18. Every parent of a child entering any educational system would be told the minimum number of days, or even hours, of education that the child would be required to attend. Attendance figures taken at each lesson would stop truancy after the morning registration.

No young person would be allowed to leave school, up to the age of 18, until these hours had been completed. No such young person would be eligible to claim any form of social security payment. This would perhaps focus the minds of both parents and offspring.

Yours faithfully,
MARY DONALDSON,
123 Shakespeare Tower,
Barbican, EC2.
November 19.

From Mr Paul Miles

Sir, While a member of the fifth form at the then Selhurst Grammar School in the late 1950s I played truant every Thursday afternoon to work in the garden of a neighbour who paid me ten shillings.

My headmaster, Mr Ackland, retired to Tasmania and I wrote to him before he died to confess. He sent a spirited reply and said that he would reprimand my form master, by then over 80.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL MILES,
23 Seckford Street,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.
November 18.

Not for reading

From Mr Bernard Selwyn

Sir, You report (Diary, November 17) that Westminster City Council's Great Smith Street library is cancelling its subscription to *Hansard Weekly*, among other publications (Bernard Kaukas's letter, November 23).

It should, perhaps, be made clear that the library is cancelling only the House of Commons debates. It does not take those of the Lords, which is hardly encouraging to those who wish to follow debates on legislation going through both Houses.

But how can the library know that "*Hansard* really wasn't being used"? On the many occasions that I have been glad to read it there, the staff have not necessarily seen it (or, indeed, any other publication) in use. Even if they did, they were far too busy to record the fact.

Such excuses for reducing public library expenditure must not be accepted.

Yours sincerely,
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November 23.

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'To Play the King' — or to play the Prince of Wales?

From Mr Michael Dobbs

Sir, Under the heading of "Appalling view of a prince" (November 23) Walter Ellis made a number of attacks on the BBC's dramatisation of my book *To Play the King*. He accuses me, along with the BBC, of having "monstrously pilloried" the royal family. It would seem that Mr Ellis, like one or two other commentators, has not read my book. This has caused him to make several mistakes.

As a matter of law, I have no rights, as the author of the book, to interfere with the BBC's adaptation. This has been confirmed repeatedly by BBC spokesmen in recent days.

As a matter of fact, Mr Ellis confused the content of the book and the TV serial. I believe that it is impossible to read the book and take it to be anything other than a sympathetic portrayal of a future monarch.

Indeed, *The Times*'s own review of the book, by Woodrow Wyatt (April 9, 1992), described the matter at stake in the book as being "whether the compassionate King who ignores his PM's advice is to be shorn of much of his income and humiliated into open and silent servility to the cynical and unscrupulous Prime Minister".

My views on the monarchy have been frequently aired in newspaper columns and elsewhere, most recently on November 13 when I wrote in the *Daily Mail* that the royal system "has served us extraordinarily well over the years, particularly under the last two monarchs".

Mr Ellis implies that I am unfair to the actual rather than any fictional heir to the throne. In my *Mail* article I wrote that, although I believed the Prince of Wales has made mistakes, "yet we, the public, are responsible for much more of the damage by requiring of him sacrifices which offend human nature and dignity. By denying him his manhood both in private and in public, we are destroying the man, and with it, the monarchy".

My view on the monarchy may be open to criticism, but not the criticisms levelled by Mr Ellis.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL DOBBS,
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Dottery, Bridport, Dorset.
November 23.

From Mr Ian Richardson

Sir, I have been both misquoted and misrepresented in press coverage of my rôle in *To Play the King*.

I did not, as has been reported, refuse to say any lines. On one occasion I argued for the reinstatement of some lines which had been cut for reasons of timing and which expressed Francis Urquhart's view that *he* could never be against the monarchy, *per se*, as his ancestors had fought for the king in the Civil War.

I have also been incorrectly quoted as apologising to the Prince of Wales for taking part in the serial. Last month I was a guest of the Prince (who, by the way, I greatly admire), and asked the senior palace aide who was the host at my table to convey to HRH that it was not our wish to cause him personally any offence. This message was only to be passed on if the Prince himself should express any dismay.

The series as a whole is sympathetic to the king, who always keeps the moral high ground.

The opinions of Francis Urquhart, who is, after all, the villain of the piece (and a double murderer among other things) are not to be taken as the view of the actor playing him.

Honi soit qui mal y pense.

Yours faithfully,
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November 24.

From Mr John Miller

Sir, The first episode of *To Play the King* left me feeling uneasy. After reflection, I think I know why.

Francis Urquhart, the future prime minister, is a mythical figure, not recognisable as anyone on the current political scene; but the future king and his divorced consort are clearly the present Prince and Princess of Wales.

It is legitimate for public figures to be judged on their past behaviour. But to portray our future king and his wife so recognisably is to risk judging them in the present, not by known fact but by surmise. The BBC may well say, in defence, that it is all fictional; but mud sticks, and the monarchy, if it is to survive, must be protected from mud-slingers, not only those who are crass and vulgar, but also those who, as in this case, sling their mud in the guise of polished and sophisticated entertainment.

Yours faithfully,
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November 22.

From Mr Justin Seabrook

Sir, Walter Ellis charges that the Prince of Wales is "monstrously pilloried" in *To Play the King*. Given the fact that the prime minister, Francis Urquhart, has committed murder during his rise to Number 10, it must be obvious to nearly all viewers that the programme perhaps ought not to be taken too seriously. The portrayal of "the king" is just realistic enough to make excellent caricature.

Satire helps, in a small way, to keep the feet of politicians, toffs and celebrities nearer to the ground than they would otherwise be, for which we should be thankful.

Yours faithfully,
JUSTIN SEABROOK,
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November 24.

From the Right Reverend John Bickersteth, KCVO

Sir, Is there not almost everything to be said for the BBC withdrawing the rest of *To Play the King* right away?

Yours faithfully,
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November 23.

From Mr Ronald Moss

Sir, Walter Ellis's headline should not have read "Appalling view of a prince". Not one line of the prince/king's dialogue presented him in an unfavourable light; indeed he was portrayed throughout as a thoroughly decent man in word and deed.

Yours faithfully,
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Lessons from Europe for English legal language

From Mr W. H. Thomas

Sir, The move to reproduce EC directives in their original language (report and leading article, November 15) has much to commend it. Many directives are phrased in straightforward language but, as a practitioner, I have found that the "translations" into English legal language range from the tortuous to the impenetrable.

The House of Lords decided last year (*Pepper vs Hart*, law report, November 27, 1992) that judges may look at Hansard to see what Parliament meant, so it is a short step to allow — encourage — judges to look at the original text of directives, in particular their preambles and the *travaux préparatoires*, in order to give an appropriate judgment. For generations judges have been able to make sound sense of the common law enshrined in simple statements of principle.

It seems a sensible progression towards a closer Europe to allow our judges to interpret European Community law from a text that is written in clear English. After all, modern lawyers have been reasonably successful in using "plain English" when drafting documents; parliamentary draftsmen have lagged lamentably behind.

Yours etc,
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Fulmodeston, Fakenham, Norfolk.

From Mr David Green

Sir, You are right to call for an urgent debate on the extension of Code Napoléon techniques into the drafting of English law. Elsewhere in the EC the effect of more simply written laws is contained and hedged by written constitutions, with positive statements of individual rights. But we do not have these. Our civil liberties are defined only by the extent that Parliament has not legislated freedom away from us.

That is why our law has to be so infernally precise. And it is also why, unless that basic constitutional lacuna be filled, all our liberties will be at risk if draftsmen now write or adopt into British law texts which merely accord with continental practice.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd yr Harding,
Castle Morris,
Nr Haverfordwest, Dyfed.
November 15.

From Mr Peter J. Bilbrough

Sir, In 1872 the "Alabama" arbitration considered the British obligations to America following the building and equipping of Confederate vessels of war in British yards during the American Civil War. This involved a review of the way that the then government enforced the Foreign Enlistment Act 1819 (since repealed), and the comparison between that Act and the continental European equivalents.

It is interesting to read the arguments of the American counsel to the arbitration on the difference between the two practices:

To the casual reader [of continental provisions] the first idea which suggests itself is their brevity, as compared with corresponding legislation of Great Britain and the United States.

But careful examination shows that they express in plain language the true object and theory of all such laws, which is to punish private persons who undertake acts of war by land and sea, in derogation of the sovereignty and in prejudice of the peace of their country: and that they do it effectually, but in terms of equal terseness and precision.

On the other hand, the English acts are so overloaded with a mass of phrases, alike unprecise and confused, with so much of tedious superfluity of immaterial circumstances, as if they were specially designed to give scope to bar chicanery, to facilitate the escape of offenders, and to embarrass and confound the officers of the government charged with the administration of law.

A powerful condemnation of British lawmaking which is equally valid 121 years later.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. BILBROUGH,
6 The Strand, Goring by Sea,
Worthing, West Sussex.
November 15.

Healthy eating

From Mr David Geldart

Sir, If my experience is anything to go by, Nigel Hawkes is right in his critical reaction to the government report, *The Health of the Nation* (Body and Mind, November 16).

On a recent visit for a health check to my GP's practice, the nurse seemed obsessed that I eat animal (i.e., saturated) fats at all. She made little effort to ascertain what quantities I eat, or assess any balancing factors in my diet. Butter was bad (even on wholemeal bread), as was full-cream milk (less than half a pint a day) and chips (deliciously cooked in beef dripping — but only once a week, I promise!).

There was no discussion of my daily intake of cereal, fruit juice, fresh fruit, vegetables (cooked sealed in the microwave), not to mention other carbohydrate sources — pasta, baked potatoes and brown rice. I am also an onion fanatic. Even sugar and cigarettes seemed to be of lower importance than fats. In the light of this, and the evidence described by Nigel Hawkes, I find the pronouncements of the health industry less and less credible.

Not long ago, I saw a Health Education Authority poster featuring a handsome polar bear, promoting the eating of fresh fruit. I think it is pretty well accepted that polar bears do not have a lot of opportunity to obtain fresh fruit, so they have to make do with — yes, indeed — all those high-fat, blubbery seals.

Do these people know what they are talking about?

Yours sincerely,
DAVID GELDART,
16 Weaver Close, Bedford.

Church finances

From Mr D. M. Clement

Sir, Many will share the views of Mr R. C. Woods (letter, November 20) that the Church of England should make economies before requesting more money from its parishes and that parishioners' giving should support their own local church.

I hope the Coopers & Lybrand review will be able to examine diocesan organisation as well as the Church of England's national activities. Within a circle of 50-60 miles from here there are three ancient dioceses and one modern diocese. With today's communication methods and transport it should be possible for the four to develop a range of shared services. Whether it would be economic to develop such services over greater distances can only be resolved by a cost-benefit analysis.

A more radical review may also be justified to ascertain whether historical precedents still support the need for 40 dioceses.

The Church of England will recover its prestige and authority only by seeing that its parishes are active and strong. That calls for greater clerical strength parochially, ensuring, primarily, that the Church's resources are concentrated thereon and its overheads tightly controlled.

Yours faithfully,
D. M. CLEMENT,
The Old Hall, Mulbarton, Norfolk.
November 20.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Tip for Chancellor

From Mr G. L. B. Pitt

Sir, When, during the second world war, the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposed to levy purchase tax on books, he dropped the idea after being asked whether he intended to put the Word of God on a level with a chamber pot. The present Chancellor should ask himself the same question about putting VAT on books.

Yours faithfully,
G. L. B. PITT,
11 Penshurst, Old Harlow, Essex.

All correct?

From Mr Howard C. Friend

Sir, We have an Australian hymn book here in which many familiar lines have been altered in the interests of political correctness (letters, November 24). Thus, "Good will to all mankind" becomes "Good will to all the world" and "God rest ye merry, gentlemen" becomes "God rest ye merry, people all" and so forth. I wondered what the editors would make of John Henry Newman's verse in the hymn "Praise to the Holiest".

O generous love! that He, who smote
In man for man the foe,
The double agony in man
For man should undergo

Being pc has its limits; they left it as it was.

Yours faithfully,
HOWARD C. FRIEND,
Bosworth (music publishers),
14-18 Heddon Street,
Regent Street, W1.
November 24.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 24: The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Mrs Karimova visited The Queen this morning.

His Excellency Monsieur Phoune Khammounheuang was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the Court of St James's.

Madame Khammounheuang was also received by The Queen.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, today honoured the Dean and Chapter of Westminster with her presence at Luncheon in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, and was received by the Dean (the Very Reverend Michael Mayne).

The Lady Farnham and Sir Kenneth Scott were in attendance.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness held an Evening Reception at Buckingham Palace for the Diplomatic Corps at which The Prince of Wales and The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present.

The Orchestra of the Grenadier Guards played selections of music during the evening.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard and a dismounted detachment of the Household Cavalry were on duty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, Tiger Club Dawn to Dusk Competition Panel of Judges, this morning chaired a meeting of the judges at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, later attended Receptions at St James's Palace for Young People who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Queen was represented by the Lord Somerleyton (Master of the Horse) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Lieutenant Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire and Lieutenant, Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms) which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by General Sir David Fraser.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by Lord Romsey.

The Duke and Duchess of York were represented by Captain Neil Blair RN.

The Prince Edward was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer.

The Princess Royal was represented by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, was represented by Mrs Michael Harvey.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Captain Alexander Tetley.

Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy, was represented by Mrs Peter Afia.

November 24: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 24: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this afternoon at a Reception given at 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Trefoil Guild.

Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 24: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, was present this evening at a Reception given by the Corps at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Mrs Charles Vyvyan was in attendance.

November 24: The Duke of Gloucester this evening was present at the Royal Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester was present at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Lieutenant Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire, which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 24: The Duke of Kent, President, the Royal Institution of Great Britain, this morning attended a Primary Schools' Lecture at Albemarle Street, London, W1.

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Grand Master, the United Grand Lodge of England, this afternoon received The Right Honourable Lord Farnham, Provincial Grand Master.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Canterbury Oast Trust, this morning visited Highlands Farm, Woodchurch, Ashford, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Kent (The Right Honourable Lord Kingsdown).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Age Concern, this afternoon opened the Cottage Day Centre, Hartley, near Longfield, Kent.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will visit Cambridge Regional College at 10.55; will visit the Sue Ryder Home, Old Bishop's Palace, Ely, at 3.00 and will visit Ely Cathedral.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as International President of World Wide Fund for Nature, will visit the World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Cambridge, at 2.35 and will attend a conservation forum at Robinson College.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, as Colonel-in-Chief of the 1st Queen's Dragoon Guards, will attend a reception at the Cavalry and Guards Club at 6.45.

Prince Edward will attend the London Society of Rugby Football Union Referees' dinner at the Café Royal at 6.40.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the International Health Exchange, will attend a conference at the Society of Chemical Industry at 9.45; as Chancellor of London University, will attend a meeting of the Institute of Latin American Studies at 31 Tavistock Square at 11.30; and, as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will attend a national study day on strokes at the college at 1.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the Tree Council, will attend the launch of Tree Week 1993 at the Wildlife Park, Islington, at 11.00.

Princess Alexandra, as vice-patron, will open the redeveloped unit of the YWCA at 1 Rodney Street, Liverpool, at 1.50; as patron, will visit the Fairbridge Team Centre at Canning Dock at 2.50; and will open the reconstructed parish centre at Liverpool Parish Church at 3.40.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Erica Arnold, a conservation officer at the National Army Museum, shows off some Crimean War items on show at the museum's new gallery on the Victorian Soldier which opens tomorrow in Chelsea. They include a dragoon guard helmet worn at the battle of Balaklava, boots worn by the Russian commander-in-chief, a signpost brought back from the Crimea, the coatee of a dragoon severely wounded in the Charge of the Light Brigade, and Crimean Tom, a cat rescued from the ruins of Sevastopol by British officers

Dinners

Smeatonian Society
Mr John V. Bartlett, President of the Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, presided at a dinner held last night at the Institution of Civil Engineers to mark the end of the present session.

Order of Malta
The Very Rev Michael Scott Napier and Mr Timothy Everard, Secretary General of the Order of St John, were the guests of honour at a dinner given by the British Association of the Soverign Military Order of Malta last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Lord Craigmyle, President of the British Association, presided.

Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators
Mr John Cahill presented the awards at the annual trophies and awards dinner of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators held last night at the Mansion House. Captain Clive E. Elton, Master, also spoke. The award winners are:
Mr Ronald Ashford, Captain T R Fulton, Mr C F Roberts, Mr M D W Bowker, Captain D G Kinch, Captain I Berglund, First Officer M Emery, Flight Engineer R Boone, Mr A J Smith, Lieutenant M I P Langley, RN, Petty Officer Aircrewman A Rogers, Leading Aircrewman B Buggins, Mr A J Douglas, Captain E J Wyer, Professor Helen Muir, Mrs C E Fricker, Mr H Bielby, Mr W Wai Yin Tang, Mr M Felton-Aksoy, Mr D Pym, Miss K J Lysakowska and Mr J W Chappelow.

Birthdays today

Mr Francis Durbridge, playwright and author, 81; Mrs Maria Fyfe, MP, 55; Miss Daisy Hyams, former managing director, Tesco, 81; Mr Dickie Jeeps, former chairman, Sports Council, 62; Mr Charles Kennedy, MP, 34; Miss Yvonne Kenny, operatic soprano, 43; Mr Imran Khan, cricketer, 41; Dr Elizabeth Laverick, electrical engineer, 68; Sir Fergus Montgomery, MP, 66; Mr Michael Morris, MP, 57; Mr Tony Neary, rugby player, 45; Mr K.J. O'Keefe, cricketer, 44; Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne, KG, 78; Mr Richard Seifert, architect, 83; Lord Tweedsmuir, 82; Lord Weatherill, 73; Sir Peter Wright, director, Birmingham Royal Ballet, 67.

Arbitrators'

The following have been elected officers of the Arbitrators' Company: Master, Sir Ian Percival, QC; Senior Warden, Mr F.C. Goodall; Junior Warden, Mr C.J.E. Evans.

Colourful flowers keep winter's grip at bay

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

ALTHOUGH gardens are in the icy grip of an early winter, greenhouses and conservatories still offer much colour and interest. Certainly the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show, which opened in Westminster on Tuesday, is well supported by exhibitors of tender plants.

Cacti and other succulent plants abound. Stephen Treseder, of Devonport, Devon, has staged a varied range of these plants, including some with swollen stem bases which store water, known as caudiciform plants.

The Tropical Rain Forest, of Leeds, West Yorkshire, have a display of air plants or atmospheric tillandsias, which are among the tougher bromeliads, withstanding quite low temperatures. As usual it is an artistic display, the plants being skilfully mounted on tree branches.

Orchids have been staged by Woodstock Orchids and Exotics of Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire, including large flowered cymbidiums, like the deep yellow 'Bernard', and the new, pink-lipped 'Floriade'. There is also a good range of early flowering phalaenopsis. Burnham Nurseries of Newton Abbot, Devon, are also exhibiting cymbidiums and phalaenopsis.

Among the garden plants, those kinds with interesting or colourful evergreen foliage predominate. The Burncoose and South Down Nurseries of Redruth, Cornwall, have staged an extensive range, from large-leaved *Rhododendron Sinogrande*, through variegated pittosporums, to pink and bronze phormiums.

Conifers are coming into their own now and a wide range of dwarf and slow growing kinds has been staged by Lincluden Nursery, of Bisley, Surrey. The golden ones, including a yellow leaved Scots pine, are creating particularly brilliant splashes of colour.

Winter flowering shrubs are starting to make an appearance, such as mahonias which form the centrepiece of an exhibit of trees and shrubs from Four Seasons of Norwich, Norfolk. The species is *Mahonia Lomariifolia*, with large sprays of deep yellow flowers.

The dried flowers staged by the Hop Shop of Shoreham, Kent, are also providing abundant colour, and range from roses to helichrysums or straw flowers. They look as fresh as the day they were picked, so well preserved are their colours.

Several competitions are being held with this show: the RHS ornamental plants and late apple and pear competitions, and the Orchid Society of Great Britain's competition. There is also a display of botanical paintings and photographs. The show was at the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were hosts yesterday at a luncheon held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of Uzbekistan and Mrs Karimova.

The guests were:
Mr Utkur Sultanov, Mr Saidmukhtar Saidkasymov, Mr Jura Abdullaev, Mr Tulkin Shayakubov, Mr Erkin Vakhidov, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, and Mrs Hurd, the Hon Douglas Hogg, MP, and Mrs Hogg, Sir Peter Middleton, Sir Derek Thomas, Sir Ralph Robins, Sir Derek Birkin, Mr Martin Laing, Mr Richard Webb, Mr Nigel Meredith-Jones, Mr Derek Popjoy, Mr Dieter Bock, Mr Richard Reynolds, Mr Ulrich Herter, Mr John Burbidge-King, Dr Farhan Nizami, Ms Shirin Akiner, Mr Andrew Robathan, MP, Sir Rodric Braithwaite, Mr and Mrs Paul Bergne and Mr Roderic Lyne.

Carlton Club
The Political Committee of the Carlton Club held a luncheon yesterday at the Carlton Club. Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was the guest of honour. Mr Ian Taylor, MP, presided and the Earl of Stockton also spoke.

Musicians Benevolent Fund
The Musicians Benevolent Fund gave a luncheon yesterday at Merchant Taylors' Hall to mark the Festival of Staint Cecilia. Sir Ian Hunter, chairman, presided. Dr Jane Glover also spoke.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.S. Anderson and Miss F.R. Rawson
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr Stewart Anderson and the late Mrs Anderson, of Glenrothes, Fife, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Rawson, of Audlem, Cheshire.

Lieutenant P.G.J. Dailey, RN, and Miss C.Y.C. Soo
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Dailey, of Winchester, and Christine, daughter of the late Mr William Soo and of Mrs Theresa Soo, of Singapore.

Mr T.R.G. Downes and Miss C.A. Sheehan
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Downes, of Beaulieu, Hampshire, and Clare, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs P.T. Sheehan, of East Hendred, Oxfordshire.

Captain A.J.E. Hamilton and Miss A.I. Oehrl
The engagement is announced between Captain James Hamilton, The Light Dragoons, only son of Mr and Mrs W.A.H. Hamilton, of Dulwich, London, and Angelika, only daughter of FKapt (aD) and Frau W.K. Oehrl, of Oldenburg, Germany.

Mr J.C. Pearce and Miss H.R. Askew
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of the late Squadron Leader D.D. Pearce, MBE, and of Mrs J.D.V. Pearce, and Rachel, elder daughter of Canon and Mrs D. Askew, of Ruskington, Lincolnshire.

Mr I.D. Wheway and Miss C.E. Hall
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Wheway, of Swansea, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Hall, of Trelleck Grange, Gwent.

Marriage

Mr B.J. Elson and Mrs J.A. O'Neill
The marriage took place on Friday, November 12, in Antigua, of Mr James Elson and Mrs Josephine O'Neill.

Memorial services

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott
The Queen was represented by Lord Somerleyton, Master of the Horse, and the Duke of Edinburgh by General Sir David Fraser at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by Lord Romsey, the Duke and Duchess of York by Captain Neil Blair, RN, Prince Edward by Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer, the Princess Royal by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke and Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester by Mrs Michael Harvey.

The Duchess of Gloucester attended. The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Captain Alex Tetley, Prince Michael of Kent by Colonel Michael Farmer and Princess Alexandra by Mrs Peter Afia.

The Rev Roy McAllen officiated, assisted by the Rev Kingsley Joyce, Chaplain, 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Major Harry Scott read the lesson and Brigadier Alan Breitmeyer read from John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. Sir Hew Hamilton-Dalrymple gave an address.

The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr Richard Grobler. The Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall, the Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria and Lady Graham, the Lord Lieutenant of Avon, the Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan and Lady Llewellyn, the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire and the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey and Mrs Thornton attended. The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth was represented by Councillor and Mrs B Read. Among others present were:
Anne Lady Scott (widow), Sir James and Lady Scott, Mr and Mrs Charles Scott and Mr and Mrs Alex Scott (sons and daughters-in-law), Major and Mrs James Kelly (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs Samuel Scott (brother and sister-in-law), Sir John Graham (brother-in-law), Mr Andrew Graham, Mr Oliver Stanley, Mrs Harry Scott, Mr and Mrs Charles Parker, Lady Michael Cecil, Miss Caroline Scott.
The Marquess of Salisbury, the Countess of Lisburne, Earl and Countess Cathcart, Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard (Colonel, The Life Guards), Lord and Lady Martin Fitzalan Howard, Viscount Ullswater, Viscount Ridley, KG, and Viscountess Ridley, Viscount and Viscountess Daventry, Viscountess Cranborne, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Lord Valentine Cecil, Lord and Lady Charles Cecil, Lord Desmond Chichester, Lord Napier and Ettrick, Lady Williams of Elvel, Lady Monteagle of Brandon, Lady Sinclair, Lord and Lady Roskill, Lord Sherfield, Lord and Lady Grimston of Westbury, Lord and Lady Taylor of Hadfield, Lord Wigram, Lord and Lady Swansea, Lady Abinger, Lord Vestey (Order of St John), Lord Carrington, KG, CH, Lord and Lady Ashburton, Lord Annaly, Lady Freyberg, Baroness Sharples, Lord Astor of Hever, Lady Tweedsmuir, Lord and Lady Suffield, Lady Angela Oswald, Lady Anne-Louise Hamilton-Dalrymple, Lady Rose Cecil, Lady Serena James.
Colonel the Hon Nicholas Crossley, the Hon Mrs Gerard Noel, the Hon James Cecil, the Hon Richard and Mrs Beaumont, the Hon Mrs Timothy Horn, the Hon Sir Clive and Lady Barbara Bossom, the Hon Robin Grimston, the Hon Mrs de Laszlo, Vice-Admiral the Hon Sir Nicholas Hill-Norton, Lieutenant-Colonel and the Hon Mrs Frederick Burnaby-Atkins, the Hon Mrs Richard Stanley, the Hon Mrs Dawnay, the Hon Mrs Jeremy Fordham, the Hon George Jeffreys.
Lady Baring, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Julian and Lady Paget, Sir Philip and Lady Duncombe, Major Sir Richard and Lady Rasch, Sir Fergus and the Hon Lady Matheson of Matheson, Serena Lady Matheson of Matheson, Sir Hereward and Lady Wake, Sir John and Lady Cotterell (National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs), Sir Philip and Lady Duncombe, Sir Charles Rowley, Sir Jeffery Darell, Colonel Sir William Mahon, Anne Lady Jeffray, Sylvia Lady Wilkinson, Sir David Black, Sir Anthony Page-Wood, Sir Thomas and Lady Butler, Sir Toby Clarke (Standing Council of the Baronetage) and Lady Clarke, Sir Michael Harrison, Sir James Cayzer, Major Sir John and Lady Fuller, Elisabeth Lady Gordon-Cumming, Sir Andrew Buchanan.
Sir Peter and Lady Miles, Sir Michael Grylls, MP, and Lady Grylls, Sir John Lambert, Field Marshal Sir Roland and Lady Gibbs, General Sir James and Lady Glover, General Sir Richard and the Hon Lady Worsley, Vice-Admiral Sir Kenneth Eaton, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn, Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston (representing the governing body, Dauntsey's School), Air Marshal Sir Denis and Lady Crowley-Milling, Rear-Admiral Sir Morgan Morgan-Giles, Major-General Sir Christopher Airy, Major-General Sir Roy Redgrave, Major-General Sir Simon Cooper (Blue Seal Club) and Lady Cooper, Colonel Sir Andrew Martin.
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Hanmer Hanbury, Sir Tom Normanton (chairman, also representing the chief executive, Hampshire remembers D-Day), Sir Christopher Leaver, Sir Carol and the Hon Lady Mather, Lady (David) Fraser, Sir John and Lady Milne, Major-General Sir Digby and Lady Raeburn, Sir Dermot de Trafford, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, Major-General Sir James and Lady Eyre, Sir Edwin Nixon, Lieutenant-General Sir William Rous, Sir Anthony Cleaver (IBM), Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Smiley, Mr and the Hon Mrs David Blacker, Lieutenant-Colonel and the Hon Mrs Robert Heywood Lonsdale, Mr and the Hon Mrs Edward Brudenell.
Lieutenant-Colonel James Tedder (Grenadier Guards), Mr E T Bolitho (1st Battalion Grenadier Guards), Lieutenant-General Robin Ross (Royal Marines), Brigadier Robert Long (Royal Hampshire Regiment and the Eastern Wessex Territorial Association), Colonel Shaun Longsdon (The Queen's Body Guard of The Yeomen of the Guard), Colonel Tom Hall (The King's Royal Hussars) and Mrs Hall, Colonel P Rogers (Household Cavalry), Lieutenant-Colonel P R Newton (The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment), Mr Barry Theobald-Hicks (RAMC Association, City of London branch), Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles, Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson, Colonel Gerard Leigh, Mr Marmaduke Hussey, Mr Humphrey Swire, Mrs Martin McLaren, Commander Michael Wall, Mr H V Hodson, Mrs Ion Garnett-Orme, Mrs Julian Baring, Commander Miles Rivett-Carnac, Colonel T F C Winnington, Mrs Alan Breitmeyer, Major T H Breitmeyer, Mr and Mrs Hugh Jago, Mr Christopher Jago, Mr and Mrs Fergus Hughes-Onslow, Major-General L A D Harrod, Major-General and Mrs B Gordon-Lennox, Mr and Mrs Edward Hulse, Mr and Mrs Ralph Selby, Major Bruce Shand and representatives of Touche Ross, Staff College Drag Hunt, Windsor Forest Hunt, KPMG International, KPMG Peat Marwick, Winchester Cathedral Appeal, Pinningtons, Hampshire Training and Enterprise Council, Hedley Foundation, the HAC, Southampton Master Mariners, the Friends of Winchester Cathedral, Portsmouth Area Hospice, the Country Landowners' Association, Overton Shirley and Barry, United Racecourses, the Mercers' Company, Hampshire Gardens Trust, Knitting and Crochet Guild and the Winchester Health Authority.

Viscount and Viscountess Camrose much regret that they were unable to attend the memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott yesterday.

Sir John Nicholson
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Nicholson was held at the Church of St Botolph-without-Aldgate yesterday. The Rev Brian Lee officiated. The Countess of Darnley read the lesson and Sir Lindsay Alexander gave an address. Among those present were:
Sir Charles and Lady Nicholson and Mr and Mrs James Nicholson (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr and Mrs Piers Phipps and Mr and Mrs Adam Small (sons-in-law and daughters), Sir Euan Calthorpe (grandson), Lord Mottistone, the Hon Patrick Seely, Mr and the Hon Mrs Edward Nicholson, Professor and Mrs Charles Fletcher, Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP, and Lady Lyell, Miss Veronica Lyell, Mr and Mrs Alan Budgett, Mr and Mrs Robin Hillyard, Mr and Mrs Brough Scott, Mrs C Madden.
The Earl of Darnley, Viscount Runciman of Doxford (chairman, Andrew Weir and Company), Viscount Leverhulme, Lord and Lady Geddes, Lord and Lady Amherst of Hackney, Lord Cayzer, Caroline Lady Hobart, Lady Alexander, Sir Eric and Lady Drake, Sir Timothy Bevan (also representing the directors, Barclays Bank) and Lady Bevan, Sir Roderick Barclay, Lady (Frederic) Harmer, Sir John Swire, Sir Maurice and Lady Laing, Sir Kerry St Johnston, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Ellerton, Sir John and Lady Bremridge, Mr David and Lady Cecilia McKenna.
Mr Edmund Vestey (president, Chamber of Shipping) with Mrs A B Marshall; Mr Nicholas Barber (chief executive, Ocean Group) and Mrs Barber, Mr Alan Bott (representing the chairman, P & O), Mr Marshall Meek (Royal Institute of Naval Architects), Mr Bruce Farthing (International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners) and Mrs Farthing, Mr David Ropner (Ropner Shipping Company), Mr A McC Grath (Baring Brothers), Mr Patrick Shovelton (Maersk Company), Mr Derek Morris (Alsop Wilkinson), Mr John A Eades (president, Corynthians), Captain Michael Curtiss (Pandorans), Mr T Tinsley (Nestorian Association), Mr Peter Nicholson (Royal Yacht Squadron), Mr Ron Garton (Hogg Robinson), Mr R K Scovell (Fisher Group), Mr Ian Butler (Cookson Group), Mr Bill McNamee (Standard P & I Club), Mr D Seckers (National Trust), Councillor Mrs V Anderson (chairman, Isle of Wight County Council) and Councillor Roy Westmore.

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No longer need people to teach one another, neighbour or brother, to know the Lord; all of them, high or low alike, will know me, says the Lord, for I shall forgive their wrongdoing, and their sin I shall call to mind no more. Jeremiah 31:34 (REB)

BIRTHS

BLOUNT - On November 13th 1993, to Lola (née Obligado) and Charles, a son, Arthur Charles Godfrey.

BONNELL - On November 20th 1993, to Claire (née Bury) and Andrew, a son, Maxwell William Stanley, a brother for Henry.

CONQUEST - On 22nd November, to Nigel and Carolyn, a daughter, Catherine Jane.

CROSS - On 22nd November 1993 at Poole, to Caroline (née Bowey) and Kevin, a son, Joseph Christopher Edward.

DAVID - Rhain on November 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Davina (née Dobie) and Christopher Staubo and little brother to Tanira. What a joy!

FIELDS - On November 23rd 1993, to Jessica (née Ormerod) and David, a daughter, Eleanor Frances.

FISHER - On 22nd November, to Shona (née Prendergast) and Nicholas, a son, Cosmo Alexander Jeremy.

GILMOUR - On 19th October 1993, to Andrew and Emma, in New York City, a boy, Archie.

HATTON - On November 13th 1993, to Melanie (née Wood) and Christopher, a daughter, Liberty, a sister for William, Sarah, John and Faye.

HATTON - To Julie (née Fielder) and Stephen, on 19th November, a son, Giles Christian, a brother for William.

HETHERINGTON - On 8th November 1993, to Gerry and Adèle (née Willis), a son, Daniel Jonathan Andrew, a brother for Michael.

KENNAWAY - On 17th November 1993, to Lucy (née Bradshaw-Smith) and John-Michael, a daughter, Olivia Ursula.

MICHELMORE - On November 20th 1993, to Catherine (née Stephens) and Christopher, a daughter, Charlotte, a sister for Henry and Nicholas.

BIRTHS

NAYLOR-SMITH - On November 22nd, to Sarah (née Knight) and Graham, a son, Michael James.

OYLER - On November 17th 1993, to Margaret (née Lupinacci) and David, a daughter, Victoria Rose.

PITMAN - On 21st November 1993, to Ruth and Hugh, a son.

STANNERS - On November 22nd, to Susan and Edward, twin daughters, Charlotte and Grace.

STOVOLD - On November 20th, to Catriona (née Spackman) and Angus, a son, Alexander Jack Francis.

THOMSON - On 15th November at the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong to Amanda (née Atchley) and Robert, a son, Rory Robert Lindsay, a brother for Amelia and Lauren.

TOYNBEE-LAGOUTTE - On November 2nd in France, to Diana and Christian, twins, Louis Antoine and Alicia Marielle, brother and sister for Julia. All very well.

DEATHS

ADAIR - On 20th November, peacefully, Eleanor de Beligens aged 94, of Hampton Wick. Funeral on 2nd December 2.30 pm at South London Crematorium. Donations if desired to Age Concern and Princess Alice Hospice. Enquiries to Longhurst Undertakers, 8-10 Pound Lane, Epsom, tel: (0372) 723548.

BARKER - On 22nd November 1993, peacefully after a long illness, Harry Barker, F.C.A. Dearly loved husband of Joan, loving father of Simon, Julian, Timothy and Nicolas and grandfather of Joshua, Anya, James, Andrew, Alexandra, Charlotte and Nicholas.

BLYTH - George Thomas on 21st November, peacefully at home in South London. Much loved husband of Angela and father of Bill and Richard. Funeral at South London Crematorium on Monday 29th November at 1pm.

BRIMELOW - On November 22nd, peacefully at Barclay Park Nursing Home, Mobberley, Cheshire, Joyce Eleanor, aged 91 years, devoted mother of Richard and Mary and mother-in-law of Elizabeth, dearly loved grandmother of Andrew, Louise, Nicholas, Adam and Matthew and great-grandmother of Maria. The funeral will take place at St Wilfrid's Church, Mobberley, on Tuesday 30th November at 11.30 am, followed by cremation. Joyce will be laid to rest with her beloved husband Edward at St Giles Church, Ashtead, Surrey, early in the New Year, on a date to be arranged. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the "Not Forgotten" Association c/o J.A. Whiston Funeral Director, King Street, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6DW.

BUNCE - (née Schedel). In accordance with the wishes of Magdalene Beatrice (wife of J.B.L.) Bunce this notice of her death in Christchurch, New Zealand, on 24th November 1993, is published in The Times and in the press of Christchurch by her mourning family and friends.

CARESS - Robin George, suddenly at his home in Scotland on 22nd November 1993, aged 58 years. Beloved husband of Isabella, son of Iris and the late Caro Caress and brother to Susan.

COLLET - On 21st November, peacefully in Epsom, Jean Edith Isobel (née Thomson), aged 86, wife of the late Robert Allan Collet, much loved mother of David and Robin and much loved grandmother of Katherine, Alistair, Tara, Eloise and Henry. Funeral Service at St Andrew's United Reform Church, Cheam, on Monday 29th November at 11.15 am followed by cremation at Randalls Park. Family flowers only please: donations, if desired, to The League of Friends, Epsom District Hospital, c/o W.A. Truelove & Son, 18 Church Road, Epsom, Surrey to whom any enquiries may be addressed.

FOOTE - On November 22nd, peacefully in hospital, Major General H.R.B. Foote (Bob), V.C., C.B., D.S.O., aged 88 years. Dearest husband of Audrey and the late Anita, brother of John and Meg, loved and respected by all who knew him. Service followed by interment at St Mary's Church, West Chiltington, W. Sussex, at 12 noon on December 2nd. Family flowers, V.C. and G.C. Association and Royal Tank Regt. only, no mourning at his special request. Donations, if desired, to R.T.R. Benevolent Fund c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, W. Sussex, BN14 8HU.

FORMSTON - On November 22nd 1993 in Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, Clifford Formston FRCVS, Emeritus Professor of Veterinary Surgery, University of London, much loved by family and friends. All friends welcome to funeral service, Christchurch, Cockfosters, at 12.30 pm on Tuesday 30th November. Private, family cremation 1.30 pm at Southgate Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations please, to Veterinary Benevolent Fund.

GAFF - Walter Peter died 19th November peacefully at home aged 67 years. Ex 1st Royal Tank Regiment thereafter M.O.D. Chertsey, beloved husband of Beryl, devoted father of David, Steven and Paul. Funeral November 28th St John's Church, Egham, 1.45 pm. Donations to The Tank Museum, Bovington, Dorset.

GOODSHIP - On 23rd November, Lieutenant Colonel James Dalton, Royal Engineers (retired), very much loved and loving husband of Joan, father of Jeremy and Timothy, father-in-law of Cathy and Judith and grandfather of Charlotte, James, Alastair and Christopher. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Steventon, Hampshire, on Thursday 2nd December at 2 pm. Family flowers only please.

HARRIS - On 23rd November 1993, passed peacefully away, Cyril George, aged 98 years. Funeral Service on Friday 26th November 1993 10 am at Holy Trinity Church, Redhill, followed by cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium. Donations to The Church Missionary Society c/o Stoneman Funeral Services, Doran Court, Reigate Road, Redhill, Surrey.

HENNINGS - On November 22nd, peacefully at home, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford, Essex, Richard Owen aged 82 years. Funeral Service at Cambridge City Crematorium on Monday November 29th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for the National Kidney Research Fund may be sent c/o H Pessgood & Son, Shire Hill, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3AQ.

HUNWICKE - On November 19th, Constance Benita aged 74, much loved sister of Veronica. Funeral Service at Sherborne Abbey on Wednesday 1st December at 11.15 am followed by burial at North Cadbury, Somerset. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the R.S.P.C.A. c/o W.S. Brister & Son, Hound Street, Sherborne, Dorset.

MASTERS - On Sunday 21st November 1993, Grace Hannah, dearest mother of Bishop Brian Masters and beloved wife of the late Stanley William Masters, died peacefully at home. Solemn Requiem 11am Tuesday 30th November at Holy Trinity Church, Shepherdess Walk, Hoxton, N.1 followed by burial at 3pm at Hills Cemetery, Horsham, Sussex. Flowers to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 212 Eversholt Street, NW1. Rest in peace.

MONTGOMERY - Edward David, late of 12 Moss Close, Wickersley, aged 67 years. There has been a private funeral.

PLUMER - Catherine, peacefully at her home in Oxford on 23rd November 1993. Mother of Hazel-Anne, grandmother of Kate, Ruth and Tom. Enquiries to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, (0865) 242829.

RIDER - Jeffrey, peacefully on 20th November 1993 in Ross-on-Wye, aged 88. Loved father of Pamela and her husband Ivor Hall, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Cremation at Hereford Crematorium, Friday 26th November at 12 noon.

SCANLAN - On 21st November 1993, peacefully after nine courageous years living with cancer, Hugh Scanlan, M.A., M.R.Ae.S., aged 65 years. Dearly loved husband of Jennifer and beloved father, grandfather and stepfather. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Newlyn, Penzance, Cornwall, on Monday 29th November at 11 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations in his memory may be sent to Alfred Smith & Son, Funeral Directors, Penzance, for St Julia's Hospice, Hayle, Cornwall.

SELBY - On November 22nd 1993, suddenly at the RSC Hospital Guildford, Laurence Anthony George (Tony) aged 72 years, beloved husband of Elizabeth, father of Claire and Juliet and grandfather of Rachel. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Merrow, Guildford, on December 1st at 11.30 am followed by committal at Guildford Crematorium. Floral tributes and any enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford GU2 6NY, tel: (0483) 67333.

STERN - James Andrew, Husband of Tania. Peacefully at home on November 22nd 1993. Funeral private. No flowers by request but donations to The Leonard Cheshire Foundation may be sent c/o I.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral Directors, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wilts.

THOMAS - Robson Vivian, peacefully on 21st November 1993 at Huntington House, Hindhead, Surrey. Widower of 'Nubbie' and dear friend of many and formerly of The Mercantile Bank (The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank). Cremation at Guildford Crematorium on Friday 3rd December 1993 at 12 noon. Donations to The Parkinsons Disease Society of 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA.

TURNBULL - On November 22nd 1993, suddenly in hospital, Alex, Lieutenant Colonel M.C. late of The Royal Norfolk Regiment and The Royal Anglian Regiment. Dearly beloved husband of Jean, much loved stepfather of Susan, Caroline and Mark, formerly widower of Angela. Cremation private, followed by Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Church, Blythburgh, Suffolk, on Saturday December 4th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to The Royal Norfolk Regimental Museum c/o Fishers (Southwold) Ltd., Field Stile Road, Southwold, Suffolk.

WAKE - Peter, died peacefully on 24th November. Husband of Marion and father of Susie, Edward and Philip. Funeral Service at 11.15 am on Monday 29th November in Hambledon Church. If you would like to make a donation, please send it to The National Garden Scheme, Hatchlands Park, East Clandon, Surrey GU4 7RT. Over half of all money raised goes to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

WARD - Frieda Margarethe, (née Vester) peacefully at home on November 23rd 1993. A much loved mother, grandmother, aunt, great-aunt and most especially a friend. Cremation Friday November 26th at 1 pm at Kingston Cemetery/Crematorium, Bonner Hill Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, followed by a celebration of Frieda's remarkable life at her home, to which all will be welcome. By request, no flowers but donations, if desired, to Spafford Children's Hospital, Jerusalem, c/o 141 Old Church Street, London SW3.

WESTACOTT - On November 24th 1993 peacefully at home, J.D. (Jack) Westacott F.R.I.C.S., aged 89. Beloved husband of Kathleen and a dear grandfather. Funeral Service Thursday 2nd December 12 noon at Bournemouth Crematorium. Enquiries to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth, (0202) 309609.

WILLS - On 23rd November, peacefully, Doris Margery. Funeral on Thursday 2nd December at Golders Green Crematorium West Chapel at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind c/o J.H. Kenyon, 9 Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW3 2PN.

YEMM - On November 22nd 1993, Edmund William (Ted), husband of Marie of The Wyke, Long Ashton, Emeritus Professor of Botany, University of Bristol. Cremation at South Bristol Crematorium on Monday November 29th at 2 pm. No flowers. Enquiries to Michael W Rowe Funeral Director, Tunbridge Cottage, Chew Magna, Avon, tel: (0275) 332565.

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HARVEY - Larry good friend remembered with love, Peter and Pamela Evans.

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OBITUARIES

TATIANA NIKOLAYEVA

Tatiana Nikolayeva, Russian pianist, died in San Francisco on November 22 aged 69. She was born in Bezhitsa, Russia, on May 24, 1924.



FOR decades Tatiana Nikolayeva was, like so many Russian pianists of her generation, an unseen, mysterious name, known only to Western connoisseurs who would scour record shops for her 1960s' LPs of Bach and Shostakovich. Yet in the 1980s Nikolayeva's roles as mother, grandmother, composer and teacher gradually were overtaken by that of performing artist. Her fame in the West reached its climax in a remarkable debut at the last of the BBC Henry Wood Proms at the Albert Hall in 1992 — her small, comfortable, endearing figure enrapturing both the millions watching on television and the concert audience who chorused messages to her in Russian. The concert finally confirmed her "arrival" as a musician with a serious following in this country. She had also made a warm impression the previous year when she was given one of the *Gramophone* magazine's awards. Her unassuming speech — delivered in German — again captivated her audience.

Born into a Russia of great uncertainty, fear and arbitrary disappearances, Nikolayeva — like her mother — studied with Goldenweiser at the Moscow Conservatoire. While she was still young, the aged Goldenweiser — who himself had been a friend of Tolstoy — noticed her polyphonic gifts and enormous memory and encouraged her to memorise as much as she could. (At his instigation, she learnt all 48 of Bach's Preludes and Fugues, which were to become so central to her repertory.)

As the Germans advanced into Russia, she and her family escaped to Saratov on the Volga, her father and grandmother dying en route. After the war she graduated in both piano and composition and in 1950 was selected to participate in the first international Bach competition held in the ruined city of Leipzig.

Her prize-winning performance at Leipzig led, in her own words, to a far greater prize — the lifelong friendship of Dmitri Shostakovich, a juror at the competition. Shostakovich was delighted with her playing of Bach because, he felt, it was not belonging to a museum, but "modern", and played unapologetically with all the dynamics a piano is capable of — this at a time when many Bach performers were demanding a return to the authentic instruments (the clavichord and harpsichord) for which Bach originally wrote. "I have no time for this asceticism," said Nikolayeva. "Bach was a human being, after all."

Upon their return to Moscow, and inspired by her rendition of Bach's Preludes and Fugues, Shostakovich immediately started work on his own piano cycle — 24 Preludes and Fugues — trying each piece out on his young protégée. He himself then demonstrated the finished work to the Union of Composers (with Nikolayeva turning the pages), but his interpretation was not a success, partly because he was racked by nerves, and it took Nikolayeva's subsequent performance of it for other pianists to show interest. She was the dedicatee of this huge collection which many consider to be the finest piano music of the 20th century.

Nikolayeva's career until the mid-1980s was largely confined to the Soviet Union and remains substantially undocumented. Although she made the occasional trip abroad, she was not one of the favoured artistes regularly allowed out to the West. She spent, it seems, most of her time based at the Moscow Conservatoire where her name has been engraved on the marble rolls of honour as both pianist and composer.

It was the Leeds International Piano Competition that first invited Nikolayeva to the United Kingdom in 1984 as a juror. At an unscheduled concert there she gave a performance of Bach's *Art of Fugue* which enchanted her audience of piano-lovers. She attracted a cult-like following and her greatest fan, a Cambridge don, frequently travelled the world to hear her. It was fitting that it should have been Hyperion Records, with its legion of devotees, that should have been responsible for the first Western release of her playing the Shostakovich cycle. The recording, which introduced her to a fresh host of admirers, coincided with her performance of the same work at the Wigmore Hall in 1989. This led, in turn, to the *Gramophone* award, an invitation to the Edinburgh Festival and an opportunity for the BBC to film her playing the cycle.

As it had been in Britain, so it later was in America. Her fame was growing across the New World at the time of her death. It was while in the middle of a concert in San Francisco last week that she suffered a stroke that proved fatal.

Looking, and indeed at times behaving, like one of the legendary *babushkas* of Moscow, Tatiana Nikolayeva was always an improbable star of the concert platform. She would greet her audience with a cheerful smile and, without further ado, sit down at the keyboard to play with a natural musicality, full of expression and devoid of self-advertising tricks. But her prowess was based firmly on technique and she brought an authority to the keyboard, in particular in her interpretation of Bach, that was matched by few of her contemporaries and none of her successors. Especially in her later years she set herself a punishing schedule — but, as she once remarked, "The important thing is to love music, then you'll have enough time and energy to cultivate it".

Twice widowed, Nikolayeva leaves a son and two grandchildren.

SIR ANTHONY LINCOLN

Sir Anthony Lincoln KCMG, CVO, former British ambassador to Venezuela, died on November 15 aged 82. He was born on January 2, 1911.

THIRTY-FIVE years ago there were said to be only two Bentleys in Copenhagen. One belonged to the king and the other to Tony Lincoln. He was then a mere counsellor at the British embassy and, although he could not drive, insisted on being chauffeured in some style by his wife. Like their Siamese cats, the great car followed them round the world, air-freighted to Laos, then Bulgaria and back to London, until, on his final posting to Caracas, the Lincolns sold it — and settled for a more discreet car once they retired.

He was then 58, one of those unfortunate enough to be retired slightly early at the end of the 1960s, in response to an economy drive within Whitehall. Lincoln could, nonetheless, reflect on a career which had been quite remarkably trouble-free for a senior envoy.

The son of a barrister and legal adviser in Whitehall, Anthony Handley Lincoln had been born in north London and educated at Mill Hill. From there he won an exhibition to Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he took a first in history and won the Gladstone and Prince Consort prizes. He then entered the home civil service and was assigned to the Department of Customs and Excise.

He spent the second world war in the Ministry of Economic Warfare, working to tighten the economic blockade on Nazi Germany and was not to return to his prewar deployment. Instead, he transferred to the Foreign Office and in 1946 found himself in Paris, as part of the British delegation at the peace conference.

A posting to Argentina came next, followed by two years in Whitehall, concerned with economic matters. But much of his subsequent career was spent abroad. Between 1952 and 1955 he was seconded to the fledgling Council of Europe in Strasbourg as deputy secretary-general, a job which perhaps he relished above all others, given its



access to French culture and society. He was a fluent French speaker.

Then came Denmark, 1955-58, which was succeeded by his first posting as ambassador, in Laos in the middle of a turbulent time in Southeast Asia. Next came Bulgaria as head of mission, a no less testing job in the dark days of Stalinist oppression, and then, finally, Venezuela. He completed five years in Caracas, marked by a border dispute with neighbouring Guyana, before taking his leave of the diplomatic service in 1969.

Lincoln continued working for the Foreign Office records department in his retirement, helping out as a so-called "weeder" — deciding which documents should be released at the end of the statutory 30 years, which should be kept locked away or simply shredded. Then he finally settled for a quiet life in East Anglia, with his wife, their cats and his extensive library.

He had a great love and profound knowledge of music, particularly operatic and symphonic, and possessed a fine baritone voice. He had also fenced a little in his youth but was not by nature athletic.

His most frequently admired quality was his prose style. He had published in 1937 a study of Church and State, entitled *Some Political and Social Ideas of English Dissent*, when aged only 26. And, although this was to remain his only book, his dispatches to Whitehall from overseas were said to be models of their kind: clear, crisp and concise. He also loved good company and conversation — to which he contributed with a twinkling sense of humour. Ill-health had, however, marred his final years.

Appointed a Commander of the Victorian Order following a visit by the Queen to Denmark during his time there, he was created KCMG in 1966 while in Caracas and also picked up a number of international awards during his career.

He is survived by his wife Lisette, the daughter of English expatriates in Argentina whom he met while he was serving in Buenos Aires. They had no children.

FATHER CONRAD PEPLER

Conrad Pepler, OP, priest, died in Cambridge on November 10 aged 85. He was born in London on May 5, 1908.



COMING from an artistic background — his father worked with Eric Gill and his mother was a painter — Stephen Pepler (as he was born) had an unusual childhood. From the age of about ten, when his parents converted from being Quakers, he was brought up at the heart of the Guild of St Joseph and St Dominic — a Roman Catholic community of artists and craftsmen founded by Eric Gill at Ditchling, Sussex.

Pepler always claimed to have had no idea of Gill's uninhibited sexual activities and was disturbed by Fiona MacCarthy's disclosure of them in her 1989 biography. (As an indication of his innocence, it was the young Pepler who later, after he himself had left Ditchling, tried hard to repair a breach between Gill and his father.) There can be little doubt, too, that his feeling for life in a community was developed during his youth. He was only 18 when he broke the news to his parents that he wished to leave Ditchling — where he had assisted his father in the printshop — in order to enter the Dominican novitiate.

His preparation for the priesthood followed the then regular pattern of scholastic philosophy at Hawkesyard and theology at Blackfriars, Oxford. In 1935, two years after his ordination, he was sent to the English College in Rome to take up liturgical studies. While in Rome he developed an interest in the English mystical tradition — something that was to be reflected in two of his later books *The Third Degree: A Study of Christian Mysticism* (1957) and *The English Religious Heritage* (1958).

On his return from Rome, however, he was abruptly assigned to teach unfamiliar and uncongenial subjects — cosmology and the history of philosophy — to student friars back at Hawkesyard.

Relief came in 1939 when he was sent once again to Rome as a member of the Dominican Order's liturgical commission. After Italy entered the war in 1940 he came back to England and to Oxford, where he took over the editorship of *Blackfriars*, the Dominican Order's respected monthly periodical, as well as founding his own devotional review, *Life of the Spirit*. He also became master of the student friars at Oxford — although it was typical of the breadth of his interests that he combined this with pastoral work in London. In the dark days of the war he frequently took his violin into the Tube stations which were thronged with people spending the night there seeking to escape from the air raids.

After the end of the second world war Pepler took up what was to become his life's work as warden of Spode House, the Dominican conference centre at Rugeley in Staffordshire. He was to remain there — the building was that of his own old school — for over thirty years. Under his guidance, Spode House became a centre of hospitality for seekers after the truth (of all sorts), laying on conferences, retreats, and even Christmas house parties.

From his cluttered study on the ground floor Father Conrad — the Christian name he took on first becoming a Dominican friar in 1927 — ran the household, organised the staff, planned the programmes and was always available for patient listening or the giving of wise counsel. At mealtimes he was to be found in the refectory wearing a plastic apron and serving the food. He said that he liked to make people happy and comfortable and he always managed to do at least that.

A man of great kindness, with an irreverent sense of humour and no vestige of pomposity or hypocrisy, he was popular with both visitors and staff. He would deal with problems with tough practicality, encouraging those who were dismayed with a phrase his father often used — "*Courage, mon enfant*".

A member of a large and devoted family, he used to deplore the modern veneration of the young as a breed different and special. He believed that this was the result of modern parents having such small families — "with a nice large family parents and children become a whole". Another belief of his was that "big business is the master of slaves". He himself was certainly never one of those, although there were many who regretted — especially after his reluctant retirement to Cambridge in 1981 (Spode House was finally closed in 1987) — that the Catholic Church had not made even more imaginative use of his undoubted and varied gifts.

RICHARD WORDSWORTH

Richard Wordsworth, actor and founder of the International Wordsworth Summer Conference, died on November 21 aged 78. He was born on January 19, 1915.



ALTHOUGH Richard Wordsworth had a highly successful career as a classical stage actor, he is inevitably best remembered for those achievements which sprang from his famous ancestry. The great great grandson of the Lakeland Romantic poet, he founded the International Wordsworth Summer Conference in 1970. Held every year at Dove Cottage, Grasmere, where his celebrated forebear lived and wrote some of his best-known works, it has been an enduring success.

But Wordsworth's first inclination was for the comic stage. Born at Halesowen Rectory, Worcestershire, the son of Christopher William Wordsworth, the poet's great grandson, he was educated at Loretto and Queen's College, Cambridge. He next studied acting under Eileen Thorndike at the Embassy School of Acting, before making his stage debut at the Old Vic in 1938 as Rosencrantz in a modern dress version of *Hamlet*.

He then played two seasons at Stratford; this was a period which provided him with a good grounding in Shakespearean roles, including Gratiano (*The Merchant of Venice*), Slender (*The Merry Wives of Windsor*) and Silvius (*As You Like It*).

The war was by now underway and throughout it he continued to appear in Shakespeare as well as in other familiar period and modern classic plays: Ford's *'Tis Pity She's a Whore* (Strand, 1941); Shaw's *The Philanderer* (Arts, 1944) and *Androcles and the Lion* (Arts Theatre, Cambridge, 1945); and Pinero's *The Second Mrs Tanqueray* (also Arts, Cambridge). He toured, too, under the aegis of the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts.

Postwar roles which gave him greater prominence were Coupler in Vanbrugh's *The Relapse* (Lyric, Hammersmith, 1947 and Phoenix, 1948) and Antonio in Otway's *Venice Preserv'd* (Lyric, Hammersmith, 1953) for which he won a Clarence Derwent award for the best supporting role of the year. In 1955 he joined the Old Vic company, playing a wide range of Shakespearean roles over the next few years ranging from Cassius in *Julius Caesar* to the Porter in *Macbeth*.

He was also a great favourite as Captain Hook and Mr Darling in *Peter Pan* which he directed at the Scala Theatre in 1961. In a stage career that continued right up to the 1980s he particularly enjoyed the womanising Justice Squeezum in *Lock Up Your Daughters* with which Bernard Miles opened the Mermaid Theatre in 1959. He later directed the musical himself.

Wordsworth also appeared in a number of films, from *The Man Who Knew Too Much* of 1934 to *The Quatermass Experiment* (1955) in which he gave a remarkably sympathetic portrayal of an astronaut who slowly mutates into a monster on a journey back to earth. Television appearances included roles in Dickens serials and the main role in *The Trial of Roger Casement*.

In 1969, when Rydal Mount, William Wordsworth's home for the last 37 years of his life, came on the market, Richard Wordsworth persuaded his sister to buy it and open it to the public. In the following year he founded the Wordsworth Summer School, held under the aegis of the Wordsworth Trust at Dove Cottage, Grasmere, where, from 1799, the poet had spent his most creative years.

Richard Wordsworth embarked on a career as a lecturer and performer of one-man shows, notably *Bliss of Solitude*, his tribute to his illustrious forebear.

He leaves his widow Sylvia and two sons of a previous marriage.

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The word "class," when employed as an adjective, is too often intended to convey some reproach. We speak of "class prejudices" and "class legislation," and inveigh against the selfishness of "class interests." What has been called the stratification of modern society "in horizontal layers" is loosely regarded as a pure evil, and the efforts of reformers have been directed towards the invention of new principles of association which may unite, for uncertain purposes, the topmost and undermost parts of the social fabric. It is well, however, that we should sometimes remember the benefits which we owe to the existence of these distinctions. If men did not work together by classes, and never felt the stimulus of class-emulation, much of the individuality of our institutions would be lost, and many good works would be left undone. We are not disposed, therefore, to quarrel with the adoption of these broad features of English society in our educational system. English schools must follow the varieties of English homes, and it would be an impossibility as well as a piece of affectation to lodge under the same roof and board at a common table the sons of tradesmen, farmers and clerks, and the sons of small shopkeepers and artisans, those whose parents are willing to pay 30*l.* a-year or more and those whose parents cannot afford 15*l.*, those who are to work mainly with their heads and those who are to work mainly with their hands, the children of the employers and the children of the employed . . .

We have already called attention to the new establishments in connexion with St. Nicolas College, Lancing, which profess to meet the present demand for Middle-class Education, and to meet it by a classified system of boarding schools, ranging from the grammar school downwards. The founder of this institution is Mr. Woodard, of New Shoreham, and the object of the meeting held last week in the Theatre at Oxford was to interest the public in the experiment, and to obtain funds enough to build a new College capable of accommodating 1,000 boys, and destined thenceforward to be self-supporting.

Mr. Woodard has judged wisely in determining to give his new College the character of a "public school." Economically a cheap boarding-school must depend very much on its numbers; morally, its character is sure to be raised by the influences which can only have free scope in a large body. Moreover, a superior class of masters will be attracted by the *prestige* of a school conducted on this principle, and public attention will be far more effectually arrested. We have faith enough, too, in the intrinsic similarity of English character in all ranks and classes to believe that in time something like the honourable feeling and strength of public opinion that characterize the microcosm of Eton or Harrow or Westminster may grow up among these Sussex lads at Lancing: but this must be a slow process, and it will need much judgment and courage among the school authorities. Public school spirit is not the growth of a day.

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This leading article adopts a rather patronising tone towards the pioneering work in the field of education of the Rev Nathaniel Woodard (1811-91). In fact, it was a considerable success; there are now a dozen Woodard Corporation public schools.

TRAVELOGS

Bargain Christmas prices on ferries

STENA Sealink Line is offering cross-Channel shoppers litres of whisky, gin and vodka for under £5 in a duty-free promotion to all adult passengers. Glenfiddich malt is for sale at £7.95, Grant's whisky and Gilbey's gin are both on offer at £4.95 and Vladivar Red Vodka is priced at £4.45. The ferry company has also cut bulk beer prices to 28p per 44cl can of John Smith's bitter if 24 are bought. All routes, with the exception of Stranraer-Larne and the Stena Sea Lynx fast ferry service from Holyhead to Dublin Bay, are featuring the offer. It runs until December 23 on services to the Continent and until December 16 on services to Ireland.

1066 and all that

THE East Sussex town of Hastings has been awarded a £40,000 grant from the English Tourist Board to improve signposting, increase information points, develop a 1066 car and coach trail and publish a new edition of the 1066 Country Brochure.

Thorpe Park praised

THE Holiday Care Service, a charity which gives information to disabled and disadvantaged people, has named Thorpe Park, Surrey, as the attraction with the best facilities in its annual awards. Copthorne Tara Hotel, London, won best hotel, the Old Mill Farmhouse, Trawsfynydd, Wales, won best guesthouse and Gaer Cottages, Lampeter, Wales, the top award for self-catering.

Museum re-opens

THE London Transport Museum (071-379 6344) hopes that its £4 million redevelopment programme will bring in an extra 70,000 visitors every year, taking the annual total to 230,000 admissions.

The museum opens on December 15 after being closed for nine months, and now has high-tech interactive displays, glass walkways, fresh displays and the reorganisation of exhibits to chart the development of London's transport history. In the past, 30 per cent of visitors came from London and 35 per cent from overseas. The displays now focus on both historic exhibits and the role of public transport in the growth on London today.

Hong Kong fever

HONG Kong is Kuoni Travel's most popular destination for the second year running. Good hotels, shopping and sightseeing have kept the colony popular. The race to see Hong Kong before it is handed over to China in 1997 and the growing popularity of China for holidaymakers have also led to an increase in business. Half of Kuoni's top ten slots are taken by Asian destinations, and well above average increases are recorded throughout the Caribbean and Indian Ocean destinations.

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Tourism blooms in the sand

By Louise Hidalgo



STEPHANIE COLASANTI

Waiting for the expected tourist invasion — Egyptians at Sharm-el-Sheikh, on the tip of the Sinai peninsular

ISRAEL, Egypt and Turkey have joined in an historic agreement which could result in tourism to the three countries being boosted by another 500,000 visitors in the next two years, according to the Israeli ministry of tourism.

The Eastern Mediterranean Tourism Association, launched at the World Travel Market in London last week, links the three countries in a joint initiative which it is hoped will help counter fears about security for foreign visitors.

Egypt's own travel trade is bracing itself for another disastrous winter season after the launch of the Islamic campaign against foreign tourists last year. The latest tourism ministry figures show a 31 per cent fall in tourist nights for the first eight months of 1993, and hoteliers report occupancy only at 20 per cent in the traditional Nile resorts.

In Israel, the violent response from Palestinians and Israelis opposed to the Israeli-PLO accord has dampened enthusiasm at the "peace dividend" for tourism, while Turkey has its own problems with a recent spate of hostage-taking of foreigners by Kurdish separatists in its far south-east.

Tourism officials hope that Jordan and the Palestinian autonomy will eventually join the association, followed, perhaps, by Syria and Lebanon, Greece and Cyprus, to form a regional package of sea, sun and cultural heritage.

Dr Mamdouh El Beltagui, Egypt's newly-appointed minister of tourism, in London last week to sign the agreement, said: "Peace and tourism are twins. We have been working for this for the past year and must now persuade all the Eastern Mediterranean countries of the opportunity this agreement offers."

It is in the narrow Gulf of Aqaba, where the shores of Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia meet, that the potential is being most keenly felt. Egyptian and Israeli tourism officials meet next month to draw up a plan for developing a "Red Sea Riviera", running from the picturesque fishing port of Nuweiba on the Sinai peninsular to the Israeli winter resort of Eilat. The challenge will then be to open the gate to the Jordanian port of Aqaba, which sits side by side with Eilat at the mouth of the Red Sea.

Residents of the Israeli resort are eager to see success. Eilat draws just over a million tourists a year, many of them Europeans attracted by the Gulf of Aqaba's desert climate and its famous coral reefs. But the city is already over-developed and, with its hotels and beaches squeezed on to an eight-mile strip between Jordan and Egypt, is running out of coastline.

Visitors this year are 40 per cent up on last and there is hardly a spare hotel room to be found in the city this winter.

Investment in the city is booming. About $100 million of private investment is pledged next year, and by 1997 Eilat will have added another 4,000 hotel rooms to its existing 4,700.

Plans are under way to build a new laguna to the east of the town, extending its man-made beaches, and a new airport to replace the military airbase of Ovda, just north of the town.

Last week, for the first time, Egypt's interior ministry lifted visa restrictions on travellers passing between Egypt and Israel on the Red Sea border, giving tourists easier access to the virgin beaches and coral reefs of Sinai.

Eilat is waiting in particular for more normal relations with its neighbour Aqaba. Even though a peace accord between the two countries has not yet been signed, hoteliers in the two towns have met on neutral ground to discuss the future.

"We can work together well," said Aharon Deckel, chairman of the Eilat Hotel Association. "When we are overbooked, we can send tourists to Aqaba and they can do the same. Visitors can fly to Amman, travel to Aqaba via Petra, and then come to Eilat and on to Nuweiba and the Sinai by ship."

There is talk, too, about one airport serving both towns and of combining them into one commercial port.

Egypt is investing heavily in the Red Sea coast and the desert of Sinai. By 1997, Ras Abu Soma, now a bare spit of the Red Sea coast, will have been transformed into a multi-hotel golfing and diving resort, while further north there are plans for a casino and more hotels at Taba, the small port 20 miles along the coast from Eilat.

The prospect of a peace dividend has been welcomed with enthusiasm for Israel's Negev desert, too. "If we can join it as a destination with Sinai and the Jordanian desert around Petra, it will be a marvellous thing to visit," Zev Ternkin, managing director of the Negev Tourism Development Association, said.

Profits drain away

By Marianne Curphey

SMALL developing countries lose more than half their earnings from tourism because of the high cost of importing goods which visitors consume.

Food not produced locally, bottled water, materials for building and furnishing hotels, interest on foreign loans and overseas promotional expenditure, drain away valuable foreign exchange.

In developing economies such as Fiji, the Cook Islands, St Lucia, Mauritius, Aruba, Jamaica and the US Virgin Islands, the cost of imports consumes between 36 and 56 per cent of gross tourism receipts, according to the first study of foreign exchange "leakages" by the World Tourism Organisation (WTO). It estimates that for developed and industrialised nations, the figure is 10 per cent or less.

Stephen Wheatcroft, who carried out the study for the WTO, says: "The islands buy in from the UK virtually everything they need for their hotels, from lifts to kitchen equipment and from furniture to cutlery. However, the gross level of foreign earnings is much less important than the net level after deductions have been made for the foreign exchange expenditures needed to meet the needs of tourists.

"In the Seychelles, for example, local labour might be employed to build a hotel but the materials come from abroad, the hotel is usually run by foreign companies and profits return to the country where the organisation is based.

"For airlines, which have to pay for fuel, navigation and landing fees in foreign countries, office costs abroad and pilots' expenses, the figure is nearer 75 per cent."

Mr Wheatcroft, speaking in London last week advocates an "open skies" policy, and suggests that if governments were to open up air routes for competition, rather than allowing only flights by national carriers, countries would enjoy greater economic benefits.

"To have a small share of a large and growing market is more beneficial than to have a protectionist policy and control 50 per cent of a tiny market," Mr Wheatcroft says.

"Some important countries have already come to this conclusion and are now abandoning policies which have restricted competitive airline operations in the past."

Dancing bears to be rescued

By Marianne Curphey



Bears performing in the street of the Turkish capital

BRITISH holidaymakers are being asked to join a Turkish government campaign to stop Gypsies forcing captive bears to "dance" on the country's streets and beaches.

The wild bears are trapped illegally when cubs, and beaten into performing for up to 18 hours a day without food or water.

There are thought to be more than 100 captive bears in Turkey, whose owners make them dance in return for money from tourists in Istanbul and at seaside resorts.

After more than 18 months of lobbying by wildlife groups, the Turkish ministry of tourism has agreed to circulate leaflets in hotels, restaurants and on airlines asking tourists to alert the authorities if they see any cruelty to the animals.

Mr Abdulkadir Ates, Turkish tourism minister, said the campaign was one of a series of measures being introduced to conserve the nature and wildlife of his country. A region of forest has been set aside as a sanctuary for rescued bears, and more money is being spent training wildlife officers.

The World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) says that Gypsies pierce the cubs' muzzles with nose rings and then beat them until they entertain tourists.

The WSPA, working with vets, police and government officials, has already rescued 14 animals from a park in the capital.

The problem is international. Almost three years ago authorities on the Canary Islands banned photographers from using chimpanzees as living props to pose with tourists on beaches amid concern that the animals were being badly treated.

In Athens, the local authorities are trying to decide what to do with two baby chimpanzees confiscated from an Italian photographer.

The World Wide Fund for Nature says the animals, which had been dressed in human clothes, would be unable to survive in the wild.

They were taken to Turkey's first wildlife veterinary centre, where they will be rehabilitated before being released into a sanctuary.

Earlier this year, the WSPA's bear protection team, Libearty, also raided Gypsy camps in Greece and rescued three bears, and in 1994 the society intends to turn its attention to Bulgaria.

Libearty estimates that between 2,000 and 4,000 bears live in the wild in Turkey but there are no records of numbers. They are hunted for sport and for pelts, which are sold illegally, and shot by farmers to protect crops.

BA returns to Aden after 25 years

By Christopher Lockwood

BRITISH Airways returned to Aden on Tuesday after an absence of 25 years with non-stop flights for the first time.

McDonnell Douglas DC10-30s are now operating twice-weekly flights of eight-and-a-half hours from Gatwick to Aden, the former capital of South Yemen, which then fly on to the Yemeni capital, Sana'a, in the north of the country, before returning non-stop to London. Services leave on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

BA's return marks renewed confidence in the future of the country, which has a troubled past, much of it ingrained in the memories of British servicemen and women who struggled to maintain order in the former protectorate during the 1950s and 1960s.

Originally part of the Ottoman Empire, the south Arabian country was captured from the Turks in 1839 and occupied by the British East India company, marking the start of a long and often bloody association with the United Kingdom.

Britain's protection of the country coincided with its need to guard trade routes through the Gulf of Aden between Britain and India, and continued until the final withdrawal of British troops in 1967.

The last years of occupation were scarred by terrorist attack, mutiny by local forces, factional conflicts, a military coup and civil war.

Some readers will recall Aden as a key port on sea routes between Britain and Australia. Others will remember the gallant retaking of Aden's Crater District by Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Mitchell's Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in July 1967, an action achieved without loss.



Mitchell: gallant action

After retiring from the army, Lt Col Mitchell became Conservative MP for West Aberdeenshire. Since leaving the Commons in 1974 he has become chairman of the HALO (hazardous areas life support organisation) trust, which, among other work, has cleared mines in Afghanistan.

Many people will be haunted by the scenes of final withdrawal from Aden. The British retreat was marked by specially composed pipe music, which is still played on military occasions, and symbolises for many the end of Britain's traditional imperial role "east of Suez".

The passage of time has healed old wounds and now the Yemenis are eager to attract trade and tourism from Britain and to reforge links cemented over 100 years.

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Park seeks solution to its peak of popularity

By Marianne Curphey

AN EFFORT to limit the damage caused by tourists to some of Britain's wildest and most beautiful regions has been launched in the north of England.

The Peak Tourism Partnership, an association set up 12 months ago to co-ordinate public and private interests within the 800 square miles of the Peak District, has appointed consultants to draw up a visitor management plan, at a cost of £25,000.

The pilot study aims to come up with a package of measures to manage tourism in the Peak District, England's first national park.

The study will examine ways to contain the effects of thousands of family car-loads, driving to rural villages on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, blocking roads and disturbing residents. The consultants will draw up a visitor management plan for the Hope Valley, in Derbyshire, one of the most visited sections of the park, ten miles from Sheffield.

The study could then be used for guidance in other parks around the country which suffer from the same problems of disruption to local residents, traffic congestion, footpath erosion and ecological damage.

People have been visiting the Peak District since Victorian times, when they marvelled at the region's caverns. In the 1930s and '40s, mill and factory workers from Sheffield and Manchester staged mass trespasses to assert their right to walk on the moors then controlled by wealthy landowners.

Hope Valley and the parishes of Castleton, Edale and Hope are at the heart of the park, and being only 45 minutes drive from Manchester and 15 minutes from Sheffield, are under intense visitor pressure.

An estimated two million tourists a year, most of them day-trippers from the two cities, crowd into the tiny stone-built village of Castleton, while 250,000 pairs of feet pound the summit of nearby Mam Tor. The vegetation on the top of Kinder Scout, part of the Pennine Way long-distance footpath which passes through the region, is also severely affected.

Chris Lewis, the Peak Tourism Partnership's project manager, said: "We hope lots of good ideas will come out of the study, which will provide guidance for other areas suffering from these problems."

A working group has been established to oversee the consultancy work and at least 50 of the board is made up of local people, including a local chairman — Stuart Elliot, a farmer and representative of the National Farmers' Union.



Heavy traffic in the upper Derwent Valley, part of the Peak District National Park, which is a victim of its own popularity with day-trippers

The consultants, The Tourism Company, in association with Transport for Leisure and J M P Consultants, are expected to complete their report by next March.

Steve Beioley, of The Tourism Company, said the profile of the tourist was changing as growing numbers of people drove to rural villages and caused congestion, especially at the weekend.

"The Hope Valley area is very accessible and whereas once only Bank Holiday and summer weekends were crowded, there now seems to be a year-round season," he said.

"Pathways are worn down where many people have walked and because of the exposed nature of some of the paths, vegetation does not grow again quickly.

"There is also some friction between traditional ramblers and the growing numbers of mountain bikers, and we will look into how both activities can be accommodated.

"We will examine traffic calming measures, priority parking for local residents, diverting cars away from more sensitive areas, and asking walkers for voluntary contributions towards the upkeep of the park."

Chris Lewis says many people walk only a few hundred yards from where they park their car. "We still have the traditional ramblers, who actually contribute very little to the local economy because they spend all day on the hills and bring their own food.

"Others come for the gift shops, especially at Christmas, when Castleton in particular gets very busy. Other honeypot areas are Dovedale, in the south of the Peak District, and The Roaches, near Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

"We will be encouraging more people to stay overnight in the region and to spend more money while they are here."

A similar project has also been set up in the Surrey Hills, with funding from Surrey County Council, the English Tourist Board, the South-east England Tourist Board and the Countryside Commission. Alex Newton, who is in charge of the Surrey scheme, says that tourists tend to neglect some of the region's most attractive but little-known sites, favouring instead spots which frequently become congested at peak times, like the weekend.

She says: "My challenge is to find ways of managing visitors in a region designated as one of outstanding natural beauty, but very close to a heavily populated area."

FLYAWAYS

Musical break

☐ THE TALLIS Scholars, who specialise in renaissance music, have been given permission by the Vatican to sing in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, in Rome, next February to mark the 400th anniversary of the death of the composer Palestrina.

Citalia (081-686 5533) has a limited number of tickets which it is offering as part of a three night city break in Rome between February 2 and 5. Prices, from £259 per person, include return flights from Heathrow, three nights bed and breakfast accommodation in a choice of hotels and complimentary tickets for one of the choir's performances.

☐ THE Youth Hostel Association (071-248 6547) has two-night breaks at three of its London hostels for £32 per person, inclusive of accommodation, breakfast and a one day Travelcard for London Transport.

☐ Trailfinders (071-938 3232) is offering a return fare to Miami of £175 on Virgin Atlantic for departures up to December 5.

☐ Two days Christmas shopping at the Saturday market in St Vaast and the hypermarket in Cherbourg are available through Inntravel (0439 71111) for £42 per person based on four sharing a car and including a night's half board at the Hotel de France and ferry crossing from Portsmouth for car and passengers.

☐ GB Airways (081-897 4000) is offering return fares to Gibraltar from Gatwick for £119 throughout the winter.

☐ Sunset dinners in the desert, a safari to the Hajar mountains, a camel ride and trip to the archaeological digs at Al Hillah are available through Somak Travel (081-423 3000) which has teamed up with Emirates to fly from Heathrow to Dubai. Prices start at £469 per person for seven nights bed and breakfast at the Forte Grand Jumeirah, which opens in May next year.

☐ Seven and 14 night skiing holidays over Christmas and the New Year to Switzerland, Austria and Norway are available through Sutherland Ski Drive (0483 755766) from £195.

British Midland orders quiet jets

BRITISH Midland (BMA) will have one of the youngest and quietest fleets of aircraft in the world within the next four years when 17 new jets worth a total of £275 million have been delivered. *Harvey Elliott writes.*

The airline will be the first European customer for a new generation of Fokker aircraft powered by Rolls-Royce Tay engines, regarded as one of the quietest and cleanest ever produced.

The order is the first for new engines placed by British Midland with Rolls-Royce for 24 years, renewing links which began in 1957 when the airline carried Rolls-Royce personnel between Derby and Glasgow.

It is also to take delivery of eight Boeing 737-500 jets over the same period. When both orders are complete the average age of the airline's fleet will fall to just four years. The new aircraft will replace British Midland's 13 ageing McDonnell Douglas DC-9s and four of its Boeing 737-300s.

BMA had considered putting new engines into its existing fleet of 30-year-old DC-9s, but the cost would have been far higher than buying new aircraft.

Sir Michael Bishop, BMA chairman, said: "The orders will enable British Midland to meet European aircraft noise regulations well before the cut-off date for existing aircraft, which will now be retired.

"The improvements in passenger comfort and reduced noise of these new aircraft continue our policy of providing a fair deal to travellers both in the fares they pay and and service they receive."

British Midland has been encouraged to press ahead with its re-equipment programme by a sharp increase in the number of passengers carried — up 11.1 per cent in the first nine months of this year compared with the same period of 1992.

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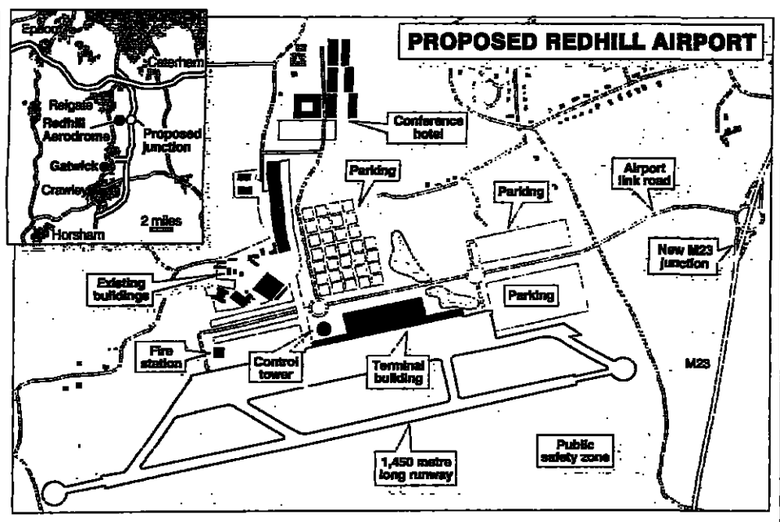
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Airfield battle begins

By Harvey Elliott

■ Is the mere fact of living near an air strip a tacit acknowledgment that development might take place? The residents of Redhill think not

THE war of words over plans to build an airport capable of handling 2.5 million passengers a year at Redhill reached a new intensity this week as March 23 was fixed for the opening of a public enquiry into the controversial project.

Backers of the scheme, which entails building a 1,600-metre concrete runway, a new control tower and a passenger terminal on the site of what is today a small grass air strip used only by private pilots and helicopters, claim that it will provide much-needed relief to Gatwick.

In a series of bitter attacks on local protesters, spearheaded by a full page advertisement in the local press, Redhill Aerodrome Ventures argue that living near an airport is "a considered move" and that those that do can have no objection if development then takes place.

"Market forces dictate development and progress cannot be halted by those wishing to preserve the past to the detriment of future economic prosperity" they say in a brochure.

"The proposal is nothing new but the opposition to progress and change has become a way of life."

Local protesters have in turn formed Krag — Keep Redhill Airfield Green — an environmental organisation which the Redhill developers say is an elitist body determined to prevent any intrusion on its members' way of life. The developers argue that by falsely claiming that towns and villages way beyond the proposed glide path will be affected by noise, Krag is using tactics based on "fear and misrepresentation".

Krag spokeswoman Angela Green denies the charges and claims instead that the group which wants to develop the present site is seeking purely financial gain regardless of the local environment. The developers, she believes, may even be putting forward a plan which they know will not be approved but which could then be replaced by a "less contentious" proposal to build houses or factories on the site.

"No one except the owners of the land is in favour of this proposed development" she says. "The district council don't want it; BAA, who own Gatwick don't want it; and the Civil Aviation Authority say that it would be impossible to integrate it into the existing air traffic control procedures. There are now 45,000 vacant take off and landing slots at Gatwick so there is no need for a new runway anyway."

The environment department has now "called in" the group's planning application and the public enquiry will resolve what is turning into a classic clash between developers and residents.

Cottage industry opens up Dales

By Harvey Elliott

THE National Trust is expanding its nationwide network of holiday cottages, which are contributing almost £1 million a year to the upkeep of some of Britain's finest properties.

A new central booking office has been opened (telephone 0225 791199)to cope with the growing number of people wanting to book weekends or longer breaks at the trust's 207 holiday cottages scattered around Britain, from Cornwall to Northumbria.

Judy Robson, holiday cottage manager for National Trust Enterprises, says: "There has been a huge increase in the demand for these cottages, which the trust owns but which are surplus to requirements. Some are used for staff but others are let to visitors as holiday cottages."

Five years ago, the 164 properties on the National Trust books had a turnover of £1.1 million and made a profit of £500,000, all of which was ploughed back into their upkeep and improvement. By 1992, 175 properties were turning over £1.5 million and returning profits of £670,000. The trust has spent more than £500,000 in the past year on refurbishing and re-equipping others, and appears to have struck a chord with thousands of tourists.

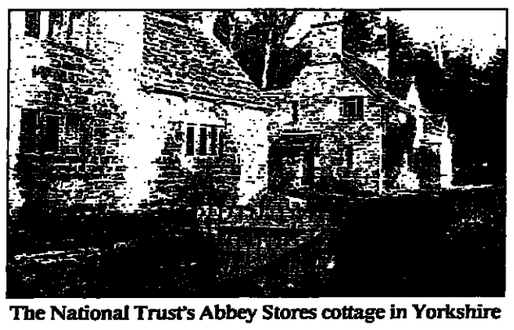
One recently opened cottage, for example, is Abbey Stores, adjacent to the entrance to Fountains Abbey in Yorkshire. It has been fitted out with every modern appliance, including television, microwave oven and bedside radio, yet contains old paintings, reproduction furniture, fine bone china and a coal fire. The cost of a stay in winter for two people, with linen provided, is £64 for two nights or £150 for a week.

Yorkshire is determined to exploit its year-round attractions and has received a boost with the opening of an air link between Gatwick and Leeds/Bradford. City-Flyer Express, now allied with British Airways whose name it uses to operate a twice-daily service, hopes to fly 30,000 passengers in its first year at a cost of £65 return. British Midland also flies to Leeds/Bradford from Heathrow for the same fare.

At the same time, Hertz car hire has cut its prices for a weekend rental to £57, bringing the whole of the Dales within easy reach.

Meanwhile, Leeds is pressing ahead with its own attempts to become a tourism magnet with the opening of Tetley's Brewery Wharf, a £6 million tourist attraction taking visitors through the development of the English pub.

Marketing experts are now seeking further ways of linking hotels and tourist attractions within Yorkshire which, as road, rail and air links improve, is poised to become one of Britain's favourite holiday destinations.


The National Trust's Abbey Stores cottage in Yorkshire

Night flight limits enrage airlines

HOLIDAY flights could be disrupted next summer because the government has bent to the vociferous demands of environmental lobbyists, according to Britain's charter airlines.

The transport department last week issued new ceilings on the number of night flights which would be allowed this winter at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, *Harvey Elliott writes.* The limits, which could be extended until summer 1998, follow a ruling in the High Court that an earlier plan to allow a gradual increase in the number of night flights provided that quieter aircraft were used, was technically illegal.

The new rules are, however, "barely adequate to meet airlines' needs and could result in disruption to many holiday flights", according to Britannia Airways. "Even though we planned to reduce by 10 per cent the number of night-time landings next summer compared to the same period this year, it will be touch and go whether they can now all operate," says Bob Parker-Eaton, Britannia's deputy managing director.

"We are particularly concerned that vociferous anti-airport groups will try to talk down further the already barely adequate quota of night noise limits proposed for next summer and the following years," he says.

He was backed in his views by Monarch Airlines which claimed that it had planned its flying programme for next summer on the original proposals announced in July.

"Investment in quieter aircraft by UK charter airlines totals over $5 billion during the past five years, with Monarch alone having invested $1 billion re-equipping, mainly in Airbus Industrie equipment with a strong UK manufacturing presence," Danny Bernstein, Monarch's joint managing director says.

"The airlines incurred such expenditure as a direct result of the department of transport's intention to improve night quotas. The new proposals may result in severe disruptions to flight operations out of London Gatwick, although it is too early to quantify."

The government, however, is determined to press ahead with the new quotas. These would put a ceiling of 3,250 for Heathrow and 7,000 each at Gatwick and Stansted during next summer.

They have asked for comments on the longer term plans which at Gatwick, for example, would allow a gradual increase in the number of movements to 8,050 by 1995.

Lord Caithness, aviation minister said: "These proposals maintain the policy of continuing to protect local communities from excessive exposure to aircraft noise at night without unnecessarily impeding the airline industry."

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NEWS

Boys guilty of Bulger murder

■ Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, at 11 the youngest murderers in modern British criminal history, were ordered to be detained for "very many years" for killing James Bulger.

The pair, referred to throughout the 17-day trial at Preston Crown Court as Child A and Child B respectively, had carried out acts of "unparalleled evil and barbarity" on their two-year-old victim and were described by Mr Justice Morland as cunning and wicked ..... **Pages 1, 2, 3, 18, 19**

Mother sees son's killers convicted

■ Denise Bulger, mother of the murdered James who is expected another baby soon, caught her first sight of her son's killers when she entered the court for the verdict yesterday and saw the impassive masks of the two accused crack with emotion ..... **Page 1**

Tube chaos

More than 20,000 London Underground commuters were stranded for hours because of a power failure ..... **Page 1**

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■ The last fourteen bottles of whisky, salvaged in 1990 from the wreck of the SS *Politician* off western Scotland and already immortalised in the Compton McKenzie novel and Ealing film comedy, *Whisky Galore*, were auctioned yesterday at Christie's in Glasgow. The successful bidder paid £11,400 — more than twice the estimated sale figure ..... **Page 8**

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Check the hidden differences

■ It might look similar, but, says Kevin Eason, the car that won the RAC Rally is not remotely like the one in your garage

The man behind the series

■ Libby Purves talks to Andrew Davies who has brought the monstrous politician to life again in *To Play The King*, the BBC1 sequel to *House of Cards*

On air, off limits

■ Casual listeners turning in to Pulse FM might think that they had stumbled on transmissions from outer space. David Toop delves into pirate radio

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JOHN HABGOOD

The lessons to be drawn from the tragic Bulger case are about the influences which the adult world bring to bear on its children. It is therefore a proper focus for national self-questioning, a dreadful counter-image to the pride and joy which most parents experience in their children, a fearful warning of what might be ..... **Page 18**

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It is Europe which looks like being left out of the great development that is taking place in Pacific Asia ... If the world does split into three great trading blocs, the growth will be in the Pacific, the technology in North America, and the unemployment — and perhaps the fascism — in Europe ..... **Page 18**

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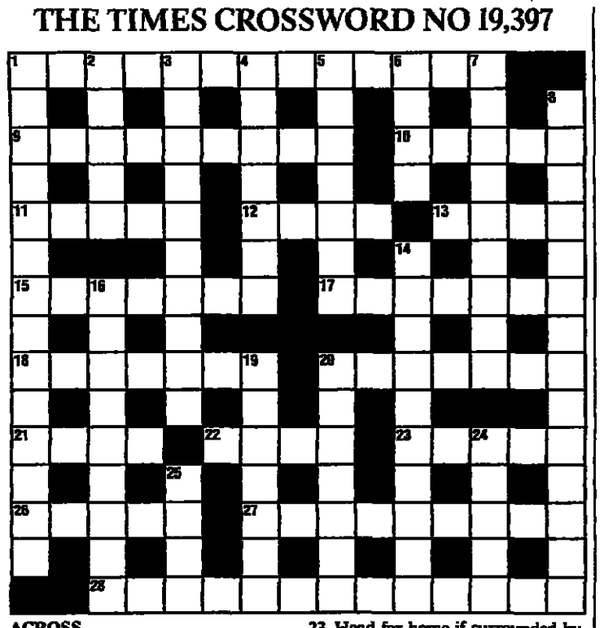
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WEATHER

Scotland will start dry and cloudy. Rain over Northern Ireland will spread eastwards preceded by some snow on the Scottish mountains. Clearer weather with a few showers will follow from the west. Much of England and Wales will start dry. Rain will reach Wales and northern England by afternoon, and central parts by evening. Outlook: most places becoming dry, although parts of the northwest will be wet and windy.

ABROAD

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Alicante	22	72	f	Malaga	18	61	f
Alexandria	22	72	c	Malta	17	63	f
Algiers	18	64	s	Melb'rne	21	70	f
Amst'dm	0	32	s	Mexico C*	18	64	c
Athens	12	54	c	Miami*	28	84	s
Bahrain	26	79	s	Milan	4	39	f
Bangkok	29	84	t	Montreal*	-3	27	c
Barbados*	28	82	s	Moscow	-9	16	s
Barcelona	13	55	f	Munich	-4	25	c
Beirut	22	72	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Belgrade	1	34	s	Naples	14	57	f
Berlin	-3	27	c	N Delhi	23	73	s
Bermuda*	26	79	f	N York*	12	54	s
Biarritz	13	55	s	Nice	12	54	f
Borde'x	5	43	c	Oslo	-1	30	sn
Brussels	0	32	s	Paris	0	32	s
Budapst	1	34	c	Peking	0	32	s
Cairo	23	73	f	Perth	39	102	s
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Prague	-3	27	c
Chicago*	11	52	f	Reykjavik	3	37	f
Ch'church	15	59	f	Rhodes	19	66	s
Cologne	-3	27	s	Rio de J	35	95	f
C'phagn	1	34	c	Riyadh	27	81	s
Corfu	17	63	f	Rome	14	57	s
Dublin	4	39	r	Salzburg	-3	27	f
Dubrovnik	14	57	s	S F'cisco*	11	52	s
Faro	18	64	f	Santiago*	27	81	s
Florence	12	54	s	S Paulo*	31	88	f
Frankfurt	-2	28	f	Seoul	1	34	f
Funchal	18	61	c	Sing'pore	28	82	f
Geneva	1	34	r	Sr'kholm	-1	30	sn
Gibraltar	16	61	f	Strasb'rg	-1	30	f
Helsinki	-1	30	c	Sydney	21	70	f
Hong K	15	59	s	Tangier	14	57	f
Innsbruck	7	45	s	Tel Aviv	24	75	s
Istanbul	8	46	f	Tenerife	18	64	f
Jeddah	30	86	f	Tokyo	12	54	s
Jo'burg*	21	70	f	Toronto*	2	36	c
Karachi	32	90	s	Tunis	18	64	f
L Palmas	19	66	f	Valencia	15	59	c
Le Touquet	0	32	f	Vanc'ver*	-3	27	s
Lisbon	12	54	s	Venice	9	48	s
Locarno	5	41	c	Vienna	-1	30	f
L Angels*	17	63	s	Warsaw	-2	28	c
Luxemburg	-3	27	c	Wash'ton*	17	63	s
Luxor	30	86	s	Wel'ngton	12	54	r
Madrid	11	52	s	Zurich	0	32	f

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 6pm, 04C (39F); min 6pm to 6am, -02C (28F). Humidity: 6pm, 67 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,018.0 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, 8C (46F). lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, -5C (23F); highest rainfall: St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, 0.73in; highest sunshine: Belfast, 6.9hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 03C (37F); min 6pm to 6am, -07C (19F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.1hr

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 0C (32F). min 6pm to 6am, -05C (23F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.7hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.3	0.44	1	34	snow
Anglesey	5.3	-	5	41	sunny
Aviamore	-	-	-5	23	fog
Belfast	6.9	-	4	39	sunny
Birmingham	-	-	-1	30	fog
Bognor Regis	-	-	-2	28	fog
Bournemouth	-	0.01	-1	30	snow
Bristol	-	-	-2	28	fog
Buxton	-	-	-1	30	cloudy
Cardiff	-	-	-1	30	fog
Clacton	-	-	1	34	cloudy
Cromer	0.1	0.11	0	32	cloudy
Edinburgh	1.0	0.01	1	34	snow
Eskdalemuir	3.7	-	0	32	bright
Exmouth	1.7	0.02	3	37	bright
Falmouth	-	0.22	6	43	rain
Folkestone	1.7	-	0	32	cloudy
Glasgow	1.8	-	-2	28	bright
Guernsey	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Hastings	3.1	-	-1	30	fog
Hunstanton	-	0.08	1	34	dull
Isle of Man	1.6	0.20	4	39	rain
Jersey	1.0	-	4	39	cloudy
Kinloss	1.7	-	0	32	snow
Leeds	6.5	-	3	37	sunny
Lerwick	1.1	0.13	4	39	snow
Littlehampton	-	-	-1	30	fog
Liverpool	5.6	-	-2	28	fog
London	2.8	-	0	32	bright
Lowestoft	-	0.19	0	32	cloudy
Manchester	-	-	-1	30	fog
Margate	x	-	1	34	dull
Minehead	x	-	2	36	sunny
Morecambe	3.9	-	0	32	fog
Newcastle	0.3	0.06	0	32	snow
Nottingham	-	-	0	32	dull
Penzance	-	0.20	6	43	rain
Plymouth	1.1	0.01	5	41	rain
Poole	-	-	-1	30	snow
Scarbon Snd	1.2	-	2	36	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	0.83	7	45	rain
Shanklin	-	-	1	34	snow
Southend	2.6	-	2	36	bright
Southsea	-	-	1	34	snow
Stornoway	5.4	-	5	41	sunny
Swanage	-	0.06	3	37	sleet
Teignmouth	-	0.01	5	41	rain
Tenby	2.7	-	4	39	bright
Tiree	5.4	-	5	41	sunny
Torquay	-	-	4	39	dull
Weymouth	-	0.05	3	37	sleet

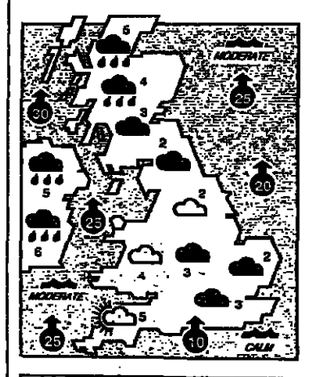
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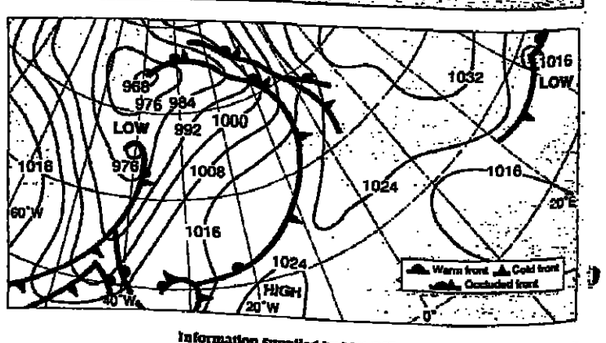
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.15
Austria Sch	18.76	17.28
Belgium Fr	56.73	52.33
Canada $	2.065	1.925
Cyprus CypE	0.790	0.740
Denmark Kr	10.85	9.85
Finland Mrk	9.29	8.49
France Fr	9.23	8.53
Germany Dm	2.69	2.47
Greece Dr	391.00	366.00
Hong Kong $	12.17	11.17
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lire	2612.00	2457.00
Japan Yen	176.50	159.00
Malta MltL	0.622	0.567
Netherlands Gld	2.990	2.760
Norway Kr	11.60	10.80
Portugal Esc	269.00	250.00
South Africa Rd	5.70	4.80
Spain Pta	212.50	196.50
Sweden Kr	13.02	12.22
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.17
Turkey Lira	20800.0	19800.0
USA $	1.567	1.457

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NOON TODAY



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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 4.30 pm to 7.05 am
Bristol 4.40 pm to 7.15 am
Edinburgh 4.21 pm to 7.32 am
Manchester 4.29 pm to 7.22 am
Penzance 4.57 pm to 7.21 am

Sun rises: 7.35 am
Sun sets: 4.00 pm
Moon sets: 3.34 am
Moon rises: 1.59 pm

Full moon Nov 29

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; lg, log; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	4	39	f	Guernsey	6	43	r
B'mngham	0	32	c	Inverness	-4	25	lg
Blackpool	0	32	f	Jersey	4	39	c
Bristol	3	37	c	London	4	39	f
Cardiff	4	39	r	M'nchster	1	34	c
Edinburgh	-3	27	lg	Newcastle	-3	27	f
Glasgow	-2	28	f	R'mldsway	4	39	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.01	6.1	11.36	6.4	Liverpool	8.30	7.9	8.46	8.2
Aberdeen	10.54	3.7	10.59	3.7	Lowestoft	6.13	2.2	7.28	2.2
Avonmouth	4.03	10.7	4.33	11.1	Margate	9.03	4.2	9.49	4.3
Belfast	8.15	3.0	8.30	3.1	Milford Haven	3.22	5.7	3.43	5.9
Cardiff	3.48	9.9	4.18	10.4	Newquay	2.18	5.7	2.39	6.0
Devonport	2.38	4.8	2.58	4.7	Oban	2.59	3.2	3.24	3.5
Dover	8.13	5.7	8.47	5.7	Penzance	1.47	4.6	2.03	4.7
Falmouth	2.08	4.4	2.26	4.5	Portland	3.30	1.6	3.36	1.8
Glasgow	10.15	4.3	10.39	4.3	*Portsmouth*	8.27	4.3	8.53	4.7
Harwich	8.46	3.4	9.34	3.6	Shoreham	8.19	5.3	8.51	5.2
Holyhead	7.51	4.7	7.57	4.9	Southampton	8.24	3.9	8.40	3.9
Hull	3.15	6.2	4.03	6.2	Swansea	3.21	7.8	3.46	8.1
Ilfracombe	3.00	7.5	3.24	7.8	Tees	12.26	4.6	1.10	4.6
King's Lynn	3.19	5.3	4.02	5.4	W'ton-on-Nze	8.44	3.6	9.22	3.8
Leith	11.56	4.8	—	—					

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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25 1993

ITV rule changes herald takeovers

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

■ The expectation of a billion-pound bidding frenzy, which could see the number of ITV companies fall from 14 to eight, pushed up television company shares

THE government has swept away some restrictions on ITV ownership, triggering a wave of takeover and merger speculation in the City. The move is expected radically to alter the structure of Britain's most popular television channel.

While it should mean no immediate change to the programmes seen by viewers in all 15 ITV regions, the relaxation of the ownership rules to allow television companies to own two ITV licences is expected to strengthen the ability of British commercial broadcasters to compete in the increasingly competitive multi-media market. Independent television companies currently are allowed to hold only one ITV licence.

The proposals, with the proviso that no company will be permitted to control the two London franchises, are subject to approval of both houses of Parliament and are expected to be debated within the next few weeks.

By pledging to keep ITV ownership rules under review and to examine the wider questions of cross-media ownership, Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, has made it clear, however, that the changes mark the beginning rather than an end of deregulation of the British media. Of particular concern in the industry now will be restrictions that limit newspaper and TV companies to owning no more than 20 per cent of each other.

Mr Brooke yesterday guaranteed that ITV's regional programmes, very popular with viewers, would remain unaffected: "The statutory provisions on regional broadcasting and the conditions on regional programmes in the Independent Television Commission's licences remain in force, even if there are changes in ownership."

The proposals, widely anticipated in the industry, mean no company will be able control more than about 30 per cent of ITV and that the network could eventually be owned by no more than eight groups. The changes effectively drop the existing distinction, set out in the Broadcasting Act, between the nine large and six smaller ITV regions. Under the act, the smaller ITV companies are protected from hostile takeovers until January 1994. If the new measures are accepted, any company — British or foreign — will now be able to buy any other ITV company, so long as they do not hold more than two licences and that they meet the standards of the Independent Television Commission.

Peter Ibbotson, Carlton Television's director of corporate affairs, said: "It is good news for viewers and for the future strength of ITV." Mr Ibbotson said the mergers or takeovers would eliminate some of the duplicated overheads of ITV companies — estimated by some to run to £100 million — and allow some of that money to be channelled into programmes.

A spokesman for Meridian said: "The proposed changes offer us a chance to expand our broadcasting business."

City analysts now expect a series of takeovers led by the largest ITV companies. Some suggest that television chiefs may have already discussed the future carve-up of the industry between themselves.

Leslie Hill, Central's chairman and chief executive, said in a statement: "As a company which thrives on new challenges, we regard change as a familiar friend, not an unexpected threat."

For workers at some smaller ITV companies, the move means a Christmas of uncertainty as takeovers and mergers are bound to result in redundancies. There are fears that the smallest companies could become pawns in the predicted takeover melee.

Chris Rowlands, chief executive of HTV, which holds the licence for Wales, was disappointed at Mr Brooke's decision not to make provisions to protect the regional identity of Welsh and Scottish companies and prevent their being taken over.

Gus Macdonald, managing director of Scottish television, welcomed the changes, however. He said: "A measure of consolidation for the regions of ITV is both inevitable and desirable in the face of intensifying competition for audiences and advertising revenue."

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Billion-pound bid frenzy is predicted by analysts

BRITAIN'S regional television companies are poised for a full-scale takeover war after relaxation of the ownership rules (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Analysts predicted the new rules will unleash a billion-pound bidding frenzy that could see the number of TV companies fall from 14 to eight. Shares in the companies seen as the most likely targets rose sharply. Central jumped 77p to £21.70, Anglia 8p to 436p and LWT 5p to 507p.

The main predators are thought to be Granada, Carlton and Meridian. Granada, expected to take over LWT in which it holds 20 per cent, fell 11p to 445p. Carlton, tipped to bid for Central where it has 20 per cent and board representation, edged up 1p to 770p. MAI, owner of Meridian, rose 1p to 225p.

Analysts predicted that many of the smaller companies, such as HTV, Westcountry Television and Border, who had feared being swallowed up by their bigger rivals, may find themselves off the hook.

One leading analyst said: "If you can only make one bid, why waste it on a small company?" The exception may be Grampian, franchise-holder for the north of Scotland, which may attract the interest of Scottish Television.

Yorkshire-Tyne Tees is also thought to be immune as the merger of the companies last year means it already holds two franchise licences.

The most intriguing prospect, according to many observers, is the bid triangle between Carlton, Central and Anglia. Deprived of the opportunity to take over LWT, its London neighbour, Carlton will have its eyes on Central, the most profitable company. But Central harbours aspirations to become a leading player and has been in tentative talks with Anglia.

Anglia is also thought by some observers to be a potential target for Meridian.

Chris Munro of Hoare Govett predicts some companies will seek to build stakes in their chosen targets before the rule changes take effect.



PETER TRIEVNOR

Neil Shaw, chairman of Tate & Lyle, after announcing significantly higher profits for the global sugar and starches company yesterday. (Report, page 27; Tempus, page 29)

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PowerGen knocked £100 million off the electricity costs to the regional companies, claiming privatisation is working
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Profits recovery has been held up at Tate & Lyle by restructuring, labour problems in America and a bumper beet crop
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Counting the beans is only 15 per cent of a finance director's job. Pippa Wicks at Courtaulds Textiles typifies the new breed
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A group headed by one of the seven wise men says the government should look more to the long term, to growth and to employment
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Beatles *Help!* Jackson

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE Beatles' song *Help!* may seem an appropriate theme tune for Michael Jackson in recent months, but the famous Lennon and McCartney composition is also part of a deal that could earn the reclusive pop star $70 million.

The singer, whose idiosyncratic behaviour has earned him the nickname Wacko Jacko, has signed an agreement to allow EMI Music Publishing to manage the music publishing catalogue of ATV Music, one of his companies, for the next five years.

The catalogue includes songs by Lennon and McCartney, Elvis Presley, Little Richard, Kenny Rogers, the Pointer Sisters and UB40.

The deal, which comes into effect on January 1, involves the payment by EMI of advances that the company can then recoup from the revenues generated by exploitation of the ATV Music catalogue. The advance in the first year is $30 million, with smaller annual advances in successive years. Thorn said the total advances under the agreement would amount to about $70 million.



Jackson: music deal

Thorn said the contract to manage "these extremely valuable titles" would be very profitable for the company, which already owns the master recordings of many Beatles songs. "The wider the range, the better known the music, so the opportunities for exploitation of the catalogue can be enhanced." Thorn's existing music catalogue includes songs by David Bowie, Duranduran and Kate Bush.

Although Thorn refused to disclose how the music publishing royalties will be split between itself and ATV, a typical figure for the industry would be for 85 per cent to go to the copyright owner, in this case ATV, and 15 per cent to the managing company.

The deal follows a succession of bad financial news for the singer, whose top-selling albums include *Thriller* and *Dangerous*. Allegations of child abuse and revelations of his addiction to pain-killing drugs led to the halt of a potentially lucrative world tour and the termination of his contract with PepsiCo.

Thorn's presence in the music industry was considerably strengthened last year with the £510 million purchase of Richard Branson's Virgin Music Group. The group's interim results, announced this week, showed the music division lifted profits 48 per cent to £89.9 million in the six months to September 30, with a £36.5 million contribution from Virgin.

CBI calls for further half-point rate cut

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Confederation of British Industry last night urged the Chancellor to make a further half-point cut in interest rates. It also called on the government to grant more independence to the Bank of England.

Howard Davies, the CBI's director-general, said: "We would be looking for a further half-point cut off interest rates in the month after the Budget." His words confirm widespread concern among business leaders that Tuesday's half-point cut in base rates, to 5.5 per cent, was too small.

The monthly CBI industrial trends survey, to be published today, is expected to indicate that the recovery remains patchy and fragile.

But business leaders have also stepped their up pressure on the Chancellor for changes in economic management, despite his signals at the recent CBI conference that an independent Bank was not on the his personal agenda. A vigorous campaign for independence, led by Eddie George, the Bank Governor, has been rewarded with nothing but a cosmetic change this week in the bank's ability to decide the precise timing of interest-rate changes — and, recently, with an agreement that its *Inflation Report* can be published without being vetted by the Treasury.

The 50-strong CBI council last night called on the government to do more. "These changes do not go far enough," a statement said.

Andrew Sentance, CBI economics director and one of the Chancellor's Seven Wise Men, said two decades of badly conducted monetary policy had caused higher inflation and a more volatile business cycle than had been experienced by Britain's competitors. This had added to pressures for British managers to think short-term.

Thanks to low inflation, there was a chance to break out of the pattern of high inflation and high interest rates. "Now is the time to make the institutional changes which will safeguard against a future resurgence of inflation, by developing the more independent role that the Bank of England has begun to assume," he said.

The CBI said countries with independent central banks had better records of combining growth with low inflation. Removing monetary decisions from the political domain would enable policy to be operated more consistently. And taking control over monetary policy from the Treasury would leave the latter better able to focus on controlling public spending and tax reform.

The CBI council agreed that Britain should not seek to rejoin the European exchange-rate mechanism while the system's future remained uncertain, but should review its position as changes in the ERM, likely to begin next year under the Maastricht treaty, were implemented.

"The CBI continues to support the long-term objective of economic and monetary union with a single currency," it said. But "it believes the current Maastricht timetable is unrealistic".

For the foreseeable future, UK policy should focus on "seeking to achieve the convergence criteria for inflation, public finances and long-term interest rates". These were sensible objectives and would keep open the option to participate in monetary union.

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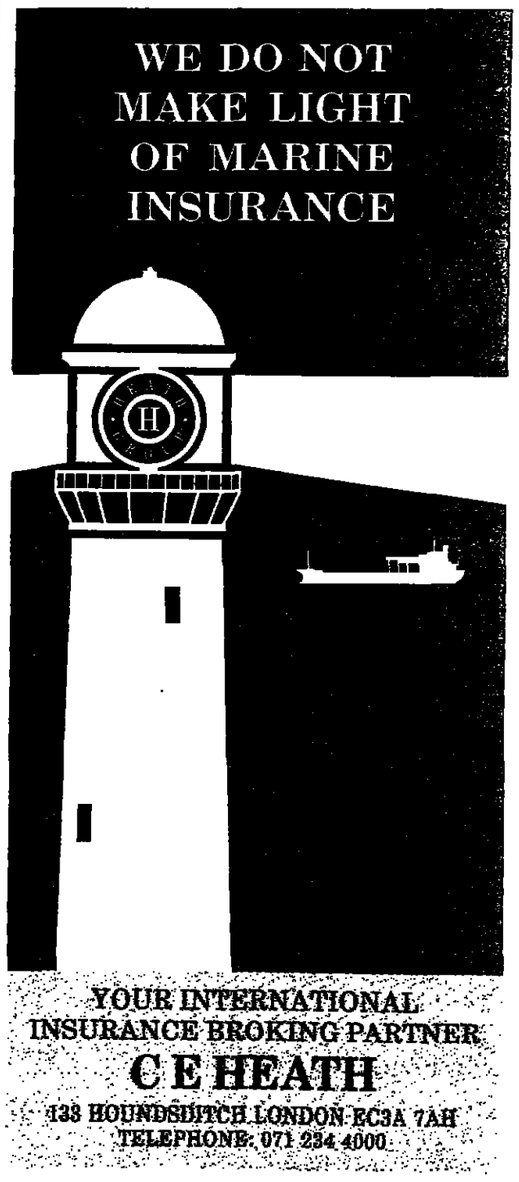
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Clarke urged to pursue Budget growth strategy

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE government must use the Budget to set out its overall economic strategy in the longer term, rather than focus narrowly on the details of tax and spending, the National Institute of Economic and Social Research says in its latest economic review.

The institute, headed by Andrew Britton, one of the Seven Wise Men on the government's independent forecasting panel, implicitly criticises what it sees as lack of longer-term economic vision and over-emphasis on inflation at the expense of growth and employment. It calls on the Chancellor to set out an economic strategy designed to "achieve the wider goal of economic prosperity, defined to include growth of output and employment, as well as stability of prices".

Kenneth Clarke is urged to restate his medium-term financial strategy. "The Budget speech has been the occasion on which the grand design has been set out and explained," the institute says. "It would be disappointing, therefore, if the Chancellor were to concentrate all his attention on the details of tax and expenditure."

On the setting of monetary and fiscal policy, the institute says the government would be ill-advised to cut interest rates further than the 5.5 per cent level established this week, because of the threat of higher inflation next year. It also urges that substantial tax increases should be avoided, for fear of slowing recovery. The institute forecasts that the underlying rate of inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments and is targeted by the government, may rise above 4 per cent next year, because of increases in indirect taxes announced by Norman Lamont in March. Average earnings are predicted to rise by 5 per cent in the four quarters to the end of September 1994 and by 6.25 per cent in 1995. "As a result," the review says, "the recent decline in unit labour costs is likely to come to an end, with whole economy costs forecast to rise by 2 per cent in 1994." The institute believes unemployment will drop gradually throughout next year.

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EC loses numbers game

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission has admitted defeat in its attempt to set benchmarks by which EC economies could be judged on their progress towards monetary union. The commission's advice to next month's EC summit, published yesterday, has been stripped of all but the least controversial numbers. Earlier this week the commission recommended that governments set a "target" of cutting unemployment in half by creating 15 million new jobs by the year 2000.

In the final version prepared for EC leaders, those figures have been turned into an example of what successful action to put Europe's 18 million jobless back to work might be. Henning Christophersen, the EC finance commissioner, denied that his advice had been watered down and said that the economic guidelines were "very precise". The commission looks for an average EC inflation rate of no more than two or three per cent by 1996.



DES JENSON

George Gray, chairman of Serco, the task management company, pictured with the Business Enterprise Award for 1993. Serco services oil terminals, railway stations and Marks and Spencer stores. The award is open to any UK company with an annual turnover of more than £5 million. The shortlisted companies were Airtours, Betterware, Carpetright, Harrington Kilbride, Holliday Chemical Holdings, John Wood Group, Micro Focus Group and Pace Micro Technology. The awards, started in 1980, are sponsored by Midland Bank.

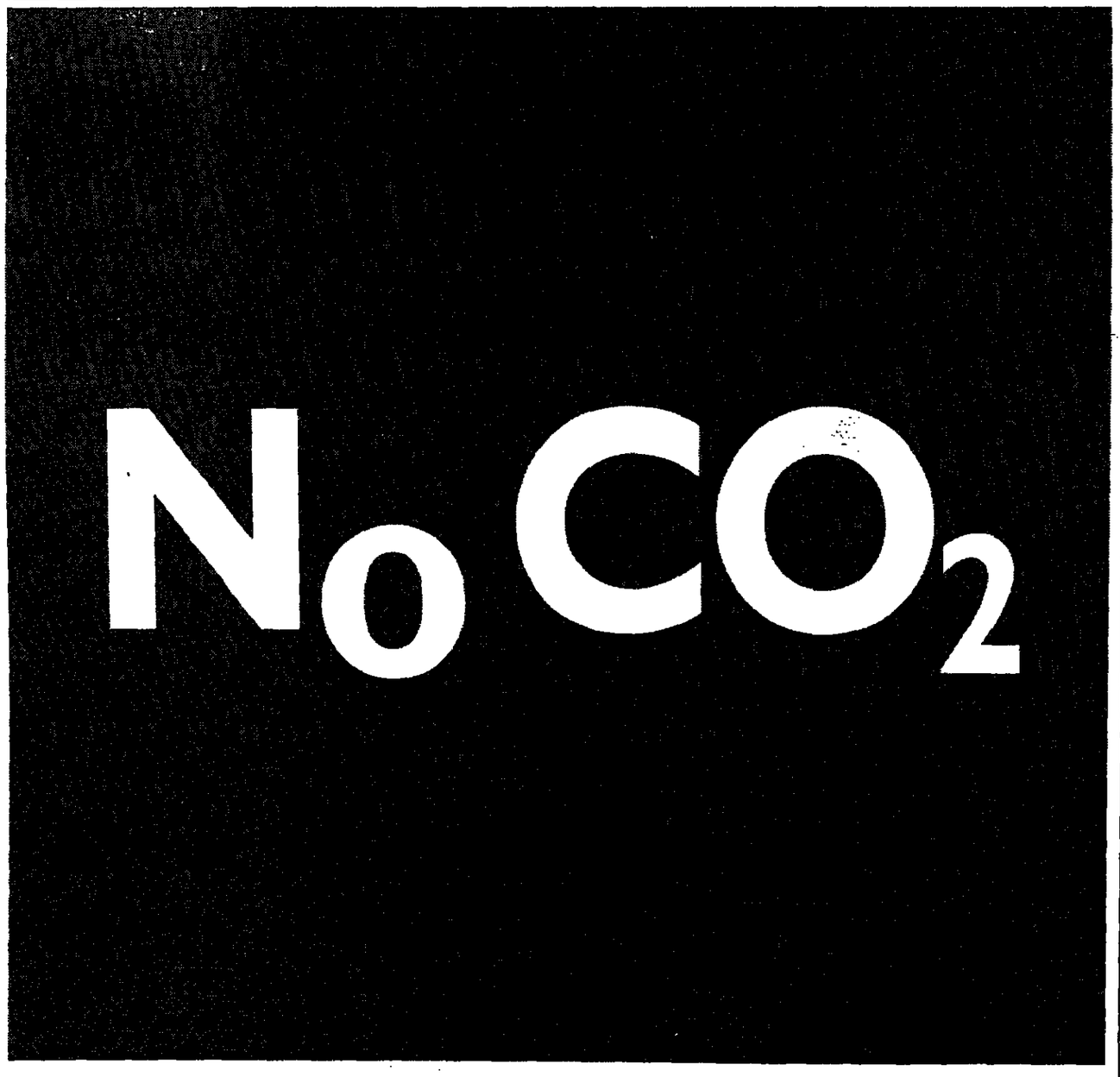
Eurotunnel near to deal in Le Shuttle dispute

EUROTUNNEL appears to have cleared another obstacle to the opening of the cross-channel rail link next May, announcing yesterday that it had reached an outline agreement on a $582 million claim from the consortium building the wagons for Le Shuttle, the tourist service (George Sivell writes).

The terms were not disclosed and Eurotunnel added that they had still to be agreed by its own board, the board of Bombardier Inc, which is leading the wagon consortium, and the board of TML, the contractor building the tunnel.

All the boards are due to meet by December 3. Bombardier is now delivering the 250 wagons for Le Shuttle.

Bombardier had been seeking additional payments for the shuttle trains to take account of design changes.



Nuclear power's formula for the future.

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BAT chief heads new lottery contender

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

RAINBOW, a company headed by Sir Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT Industries, has become the latest entrant to the increasingly crowded field running for the franchise to operate Britain's national lottery.

But the new, rather discreet, contender has adopted a different approach to the other would-be bidders. Instead of putting together muscular consortia, with the finance up front, Rainbow plans to show that it has a compact team of experts fit for the task.

Its financial backers are being kept in the background for the time being, but the company said that a number of blue chip backers are waiting to be called upon when the time is right.

A key member of the Rainbow management team is Trevor Thatcher, former managing director of Vernons Pools. Football pools are one of the sectors expected to be badly hit by competition from the state lottery.

Richard Wheatly, chairman of Leo Burnett, the advertising group, is chief executive of Rainbow. Mr Wheatly said that the company was set up a few weeks ago with a view to making a formal bid to run the lottery.

Other members of the Rainbow management team named are Peter Borer, until recently managing director of BR Telecommunications, Barry Skipper, former chief executive of Booker's food distribution division, and Denise Kingsmill, a leading corporate lawyer.

SIB moves against adviser

BY SARA MCCONNELL AND ROBERT MILLER

THE Securities and Investments Board (SIB) has begun legal proceedings in the High Court in London to recover up to £1 million alleged to be lost by about 30 investors at the hands of Stour Financial Services and Peter Robin Jackson, its sole director.

SIB applied for Stour Financial Services, of Harwich, Essex, to be wound up and for the official receiver to be appointed provisional liquidator. It also obtained an injunction preventing Mr Jackson from conducting investment business and freezing his assets which must be disclosed within seven days.

Enquiries about Stour should be made to the Official Receiver, 21 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3SS.

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Caledonia Investments hit by low interest rates

CALEDONIA Investments, the investment vehicle of the Cayzer family, says that low interest rates are hampering its attempts to find attractive acquisitions at reasonable prices, even though it has almost £128 million in cash and liquid assets ready to invest.

The group increased its net assets per share by 12 per cent to 625p between March and September this year, while pre-tax profits rose by 30 per cent to £25 million. The interim dividend is rising 8 per cent to 5.4p. Profits were boosted by a full six-month contribution from Exco, the money broker, in which Caledonia has invested, and which should be floated next year. Despite the scarcity of investment opportunities, Caledonia recently agreed to join up with Sol Kerzner, the creator of Sun City in South Africa, and invest $44 million in holiday resorts in the Bahamas and Mauritius. In September, the group paid £24 million for St Botolph's House, an office block in the City let to British Telecom.

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French delay Elf sell-off

PRIVATISATION of Elf Aquitaine, the French oil group, has been postponed until next year, but it will probably be the first disposal in 1994. Edmond Alphandéry, economics minister, said. The government, whose 50.79 per cent stake is worth about Fr50 billion, does not want to conduct so big a flotation immediately after the current sale of Rhône Poulenc. Delays in the timetable are a key source of concern among Swedish shareholders opposed to the Renault-Volvo merger.

Merrett chief appointed

MERRETT Holdings, the troubled Lloyd's agency, has appointed Alan Cleary chief executive, filling the gap left by Dennis Purkiss, who resigned last week. The move, seen as an attempt to restore confidence, was greeted with surprise by Lloyd's professionals, who still have doubts over Merrett's survival. Mr Cleary joined the group in 1991 as chief executive of the insurance services division and recently became chairman of Miller Knight, the group's loss adjuster.

Scottish Power director

SCOTTISH Power has appointed Ian Russell as finance director. At present he is director, financial control at Tomkins, the industrial conglomerate. Mr Russell will report directly to Ian Preston, chief executive, and will be a member of the board of Scottish Power, joining in the new year. Duncan Whyte, the former finance director, was promoted to chief operating officer in charge of the group's distribution and supply activities in January.

German jolt for Wagon

RESTRUCTURING costs at Wagon Industrial Holdings' German operation hit first-half profits at the Telford, Shropshire, engineering, materials handling and automotive products group. The company saw pre-tax profits fall to £5.06 million in the six months to end-September, down from £8.52 million last time, despite turnover, boosted by acquisition, ahead to £132.2 million (£114.4 million). Earnings fell to 4.52p (14.62p) a share, but interim dividend rises to 6.325p (6.133p).

Bank gives full ½% cut

THE Royal Bank of Scotland is the first lender to pass on the full half-point base rate cut to new and existing mortgage borrowers, cutting its standard rate to 7.49 from 7.99 per cent. The change takes effect immediately on new loans and from January 5 for existing ones. The cut represents a saving of £21 a month on a £60,000 loan. National & Provincial Building Society has cut its rate for new borrowers 0.25 per cent to 7.74 per cent. No decision has been taken on existing loans.

Higher sales boost ABI

AN INCREASE in sales of UK leisure homes and healthy export growth helped ABI Leisure Group, the UK's leading caravan manufacturer, buck the tough conditions gripping its markets. Pre-tax profits climbed 22.9 per cent to £2.83 million in the year to end-August, on turnover ahead 9.9 per cent to £61.8 million. Earnings rise 20.7 per cent to 7.0p (5.8p) a share. There is a final dividend of 2.51p, giving a maintained total of 3.76p for the year. ABI shares closed at 98p, up 3p.

Hanson buys in debt

QUANTUM Chemical Corporation, the Hanson subsidiary in the US, has agreed to buy in during December $176.5 million of its 10³/₈ per cent first mortgage notes at 122.75 per cent of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to the purchase date. The purchase will retire 59.6 per cent of the outstanding notes, said the company. The move comes as part of a continuing programme to achieve further savings by retiring Quantum's high-cost debt.

Durham pit closed

BRITISH Coal yesterday halted production at Wearmouth Colliery, the last operational deep mine in the Durham coalfield, with the loss of 670 jobs. Eddy Hindmarsh, British Coal's head of operations, said: "The simple but sad truth is that there is just no market for the coal mined at Wearmouth." The closure, the seventh unveiled this month, was anticipated on Monday, when the corporation announced that the pit's future was under review.



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☐ TV bid wars are the price of monopoly ☐ Take a bow, middle of the road NIESR ☐ Japan prescribed the British medicine

Paranoia among the moguls

☐ THERE is something ludicrous about an exercise in deregulation that virtually obliges a series of statutory monopolies to engage in a frenzied bidding war with each other. Yet that is the implication, even the hidden intention, of the limited relaxation of ITV merger rules. It is only the latest, silliest turn in this textbook example of how not to regulate an industry.

Given the pride and love of intrigue among Britain's television moguls, they have little option but to ring up their merchant bankers fast, if they have not already been called or fixed their deals in advance in smoke-filled rooms. The big will attack their peers and the medium-sized will eye the small for the same reason: to stop being gobbled up themselves. Unflatteringly, marginal stations become potential poison pills, to be swallowed solely to make the bidder bid-proof. Even that might be a waste of time; as anyone daring enough to want the ailing Yorkshire Tyne Tees will recall, Tyne Tees was demerged before.

Peter Brooke's deregulation is only a recognition of the potential impact of an earlier "free market" measure, ending takeover protection from next year for companies it once decried as over-fat monopolies. Any industrial group or foreign media owner could buy up British television provided they were not a British television franchiseholder or newspaper publisher. Apart from those who opted out of monopoly terrestrial franchises, British television would inevitably have become fodder for international media groups rather than developing themselves. The new rules do not really change that. They just give bigger companies a chance to defend themselves.

Bid mayhem is unlikely to produce much logic. As in manufacturing, the big battalions will win. That Central is the most canny and profitable, and has won the biggest slice of advertising, will count for little, though the franchise bidding process, which has largely determined the companies' wildly varying financial strength, was itself a lottery. Carlton and Granada have the biggest firepower. Indeed, the measure looks tailor-made for Carlton. It is protected from some big outsider with the resources and ambitions to own both London stations, yet also protected from the bidding competition of, say, Pearson or the Daily Mail Trust. If the OFT does not intervene, it could therefore control just over 30 per cent of ITV revenue via a bid for Central. Outsiders should, however, not be ignored. Saving overheads, the classic argument for monopoly, is not the only appeal of ITV companies. Profits of many, for instance, are highly geared to economic recovery.

The bid battles, if not already fixed in smoke-filled rooms, will be exciting. But you only have to stand back a little way to see how consumers — viewers and advertisers — have been left out. These companies need not be monopolies. They cannot compete across borders only because that might have reduced the monopoly fee the government could charge. Permitting takeovers is no substitute for competition.

Staging a comeback in the Budget stakes

☐ COULD that game old horse the National Institute be the one to back for next week's Budget? What a comeback that would be for an organisation that once basked in the glory of being almost the alternative Treasury but whose middle-of-the-road line pushed it into the shadows at the height of the Howe/Lawson era. But Chancellors have changed, the institute's Andrew Britton is a solid citizen among the seven wise men, and the political tide is in its favour. So it is no surprise that the institute has shown well in the first leg of the race.



In an analysis that went to the printers well before Tuesday's little surprise, the institute assumed that interest rates would be cut by a mere half point as part of the Budget package. The reasoning was, as many others have argued, that monetary policy should offset fiscal tightening. Naturally, however, that implies that the fiscal tightening will be equally modest.

The institute argues that there should not be any significant tax rise for the usual reason that it worried about the strength of recovery — it was never too concerned about the financial markets. It follows that route because its forecasters are still worried about inflation and reckon a bigger tax rise combined with a sharper monetary stimulus would be inflationary.

Here, however, the institute may not be so up to date. It reckons the underlying inflation rate is about 3 per cent. The latest figures show the annual rate has been about 2 per cent over the past six months, although those are the months when indirect tax rises have no impact. Even so, the realities of the high street now make it much less likely that tax imposts already booked by Norman Lamont will be enough to run much risk of inflation temporarily topping the 4 per cent target ceiling during 1994.

The Bank of England, whose economists are more relaxed about medium-term inflation, shares this caution over interest rates but probably for a different reason: like the Treasury it is reluctant to acknowledge that rates can routinely go up as well as down, with the result that rate hikes tend to be too late and dramatic. Those who argue for sharper rate cuts now will need to accept, as the institute predicts that rates might have to go up again during 1994.

There is also a crucial caveat in the institute's tax message. The Chancellor could attack the borrowing requirement with more energy if he focused on taxes that have little immediate impact on consumer demand. That is just what companies and pension funds, the targets of such insidious levies, are so worried about.

Depressing new order in Japan

☐ THE old ways have certainly changed in Japan when Nomura Securities is the biggest stock market bear in town — and things are bad. London strategist Nick Knight pushed even this new disengaged mood at Nomura to its extreme yesterday when he envisaged a worst case possibility of the Nikkei index falling as low as 12,000 over the next three months. That would be a drop of 30 per cent on top of the fall of almost 20 per cent to 17,067 seen since September. Profits have been plummeting and the recovery presumed by investors just is not happening.

When government itself finally admitted there was no sign of a recovery on the horizon, investors and companies anticipated that, as per normal, it would spring into action, get in huddle with big business, and engineer one. But in the new Japan, even government is becoming disengaged. Hirohisa Fujii, the finance minister, has shown no hurry to make more income tax cuts and declared yesterday that he had no plans to help support stock prices. Even in its dotage, the old order moved decisively to help the banks and the market with a property fund when the Nikkei flirted below 15,000 last year.

Officials have now begun to say it is up to the private sector to produce its own solutions. They mean companies should restructure to suit a future in which Japan has become a mature economy with relatively low growth and a permanently high exchange rate in terms of purchasing power. That would require much financial unwinging and de-gearing. It also implies manufacturers should cut costs and overheads to lower break-even points, rather than relying on growth to match productivity. That sounds familiar, and depressing. Even in super-adaptable Japan, it would also take a long time.

Record beet crop hits Tate & Lyle recovery

■ **Higher profits from the Mr Cube sugar operation were boosted by currency gains but marred by a mixed bag of problems, from labour disputes to over-production**

BY SARAH BAGNALL

A BUMPER beet crop, coupled with restructuring costs and labour problems in the US, held back a profits recovery at Tate & Lyle, the sugar and starches group.

Pre-tax profits for the year to September 25 rose by 17 per cent, from £189.5 million to £222.5 million. The figure was struck after a $12.2 million restructuring provision at Staley, the American corn sweetener operation. Staley also suffered from labour disputes, which have lasted for almost a year, and squeezed margins.

Despite the disputes, which were triggered by an attempt to push through new work practices aimed at greater efficiency, Staley lifted volumes and profits rose by $11.3 million, to $130 million.

The group's overall profits were in line with analysts' forecasts. These were cut in September, when Neil Shaw, the chairman, warned that difficult trading in America caused by a bumper beet crop had hit profits.

The magnitude of the problem became apparent yesterday, when Mr Shaw said the record crop had severely depressed sugar cane prices. That had caused profits from Domino Sugar, the company's American sugar cane operation, to fall sharply, from $54 million to $20.8 million. Domino Sugar has also been beset by labour problems; a strike at its Brooklyn refinery cost $6 million.

The group's results were boosted by a £19.1 million foreign exchange gain and a £4.6 million stock gain, reflecting the devaluation of sterling. Tate & Lyle benefited from a slight reduction in its tax charge, reflecting resolution of a dispute with the American tax authorities.

The dividend was lifted by 8.3 per cent, to 13p, and the shares rose 10p to 396p, reflecting analysts' relief that there was no unexpected bad news from the company. David Atkinson, an analyst at NatWest Securities, said: "The company has achieved a reasonable performance, given the conditions it has had to live with. There was also the positive surprise of the strength of the cash flow."

Cash flow from operations increased from £290.1 million to £382.4 million, of which £102.4 million was paid out in dividends and interest. Cash flow benefited from lower capital spending of £124 million, down £93 million. During the year, Tate & Lyle invested £139 million. Gearing fell from 89 per cent to 78 per cent and would have fallen to 76 per cent but for a £20 million property writedown stemming from a revaluation.

Looking ahead, Mr Shaw said the outlook for 1994 "remains encouraging, with results expected to benefit in particular from increased productivity and from improved conditions in certain markets".

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Euro Disney shares tumble on reports over banks meeting

EURO DISNEY shares tumbled 62p to 318p yesterday, having been suspended briefly on the Paris bourse after a drop in the price of almost 10 per cent.

This came after reports that the consortium of banks backing the project is considering forming a creditors' committee because they are worried about the terms that Walt Disney, the parent company, will impose in order to continue supporting the project.

The banks have begun laying off their debts at a sharp discount. Earlier this month, **Euro Disney** published losses of £608 million.

The rest of the equity market spent a lacklustre session as the November series of

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traded options expired. Sentiment remained firm, but with Wall Street winding down for today's Thanksgiving celebrations, business remained a low key affair.

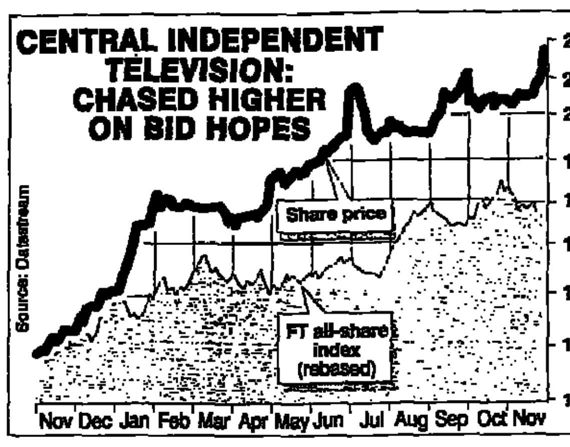
After a 15-point turnround, the FT-SE 100 index ended the session 2.1 points down at 3,067.2, with 567 million shares traded.

There was a speculative mark-up in television shares as the government paved the way for a series of takeovers among the independent broadcasters by allowing them to bid for each other under certain conditions.

There were gains among the potential takeover targets with **Anglia** 8p better at 436p, **Central Independent** 77p at £21.70, **HTV Group** 4p at 92p, **LWT Holdings** 4p at 507p, **Scottish Television** 5p at 449p, and **Ulster TV** 4p at 481p. **Carlton** was 1p firmer at 770p, but losses were seen in **Yorkshire-Tyne Tees**, 17p to 194p, and **Granada**, 11p at 445p.

The electricity distributors suffered double-figure losses as investors switched into the water companies.

Eastern fell 13p to 589p, **East Midland** 15p to 560p, **London** 14p to 586p, **Manweb** 12p to 648p, **Midlands** 15p to 607p, **Northern** 14p to 627p, Norweb 23p to 640p, **Seeboard** 16p to 635p, **Southern** 15p to 609p, **South Wales** 9p to 648p, South West 12 to 604p and **Yorkshire** 10p to 620p.



Shell was 1p harder at 687p after a disappointing presentation for brokers and fund managers. But **Rugby** rose 4p to 288p, with Kleinwort Benson thought to be giving the shares a helping hand. **Thorn EMI** was flat, down 19p at 895p, in the wake of this week's figures. The group has reached agreement with Michael Jackson to manage his ATV music publishing catalogue for the next five years, although the deal, contrary to some reports, falls of short of an outright purchase.

Powerscreen International fell 6p to 302p as a line of 500,000 shares went through the market at 280p. **Comac** hardend 1p to 96p as James Capel placed the rump of 5.3 million shares that formed the recent four-for-one rights issue at 85p.

A profits warning left **BSG International** 12½ down at 56½p. The group expects pretax profits to fall from £12 million to £8.5 million and blames the downturn in the European motor industry. **BPP Holdings**, the education training and publishing group, tumbled 90p to 215p after a profits warning.

First-time dealings in **Azlan Group**, distributor of computer products, saw the shares establish a useful premium. Offered at 230p after a placing and intermediary offer, the price gained in confidence as the day wore on, closing at 241p, a premium of 11p.

DFS Furniture also established a premium in first-time trading, closing at 271p compared with the offer price of 260p, a premium of 11p.

Among the other newcomers, **Hozelock** opened at 253p, but later slipped back to end at 246p. **Abtrust Lloyds** also finished down on the day at 98p compared with the opening price of 102p. **BPB Industries**, the plasterboard manufacturer, firmed 4p to 267p after appointing Jean-Pierre Cuny as deputy group chief executive after the departure of John Maxwell as chief executive in August.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: prices drifted lower on lack of support after attempts at consolidating Tuesday's gains ended in failure. The December series of the Long Gilt lost £3/16 at £115 9/32 as 84,000 contracts were completed.

In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 firmed £15/32 to £119 21/32 while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was unchanged at £113 23/32.

Michael Clark

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4900 (+0.0092)
German mark .... 2.5352 (+0.0090)
Exchange index .... 81.6 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

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FT-SE 100 .... 3067.2 (-2.1)
Dow Jones .... 3687.58 (+13.41)*
Nikkei Avg .... 17067.11 (-317.73)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5½%
3-month Interbank 5 7/16-5 5/16%
US Federal Funds 3%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.12-3.11%*
Long Bond 6.30%*

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$:DM	1.7025*	£:DM	2.5356
$:SWfr	1.4925*	£:SWfr	2.2228
$:Ffr	5.9015*	£:Ffr	8.7865
$:Yen	108.15*	£:Yen	161.01
£:SDR	1.0669	£:ECU	1.3188

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 376.10 .... PM 376.35
Close 375.70-376.20
New York:
Comex 375.75-376.25*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $15.40 per bbl (Jan)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..141.8 Oct (1.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

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RISES:

HSBC .... 733p (+12p)
Epwin .... 284p (+11p)
Hutch Whamp .... 282p (+18p)
Siebe .... 560p (+10p)
Commercial Union .... 599p (+11p)
Royal .... 294p (+12p)
Kleeneze .... 229p (+10p)
Amber Ind .... 610p (+10p)

FALLS:

AIM .... 143p (-30p)
Granada .... 445p (-11p)
Vodafone .... 515p (-12p)
BPP .... 215p (-90p)
Euro Disney .... 318p (-62p)
Yorkshire TV .... 194p (-17p)
Blenheim Group .... 300p (-23p)
Zeneca .... 749p (-16p)
Kingfisher .... 654p (-13p)
THORN EMI .... 895p (-19p)

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Kwik Save warns that price war will hit profit growth

By Susan Gilchrist

GRAEME Bowler, the chief executive of Kwik Save, Britain's biggest discount chain, warned that the intensifying supermarket war would hit the group's profits growth.

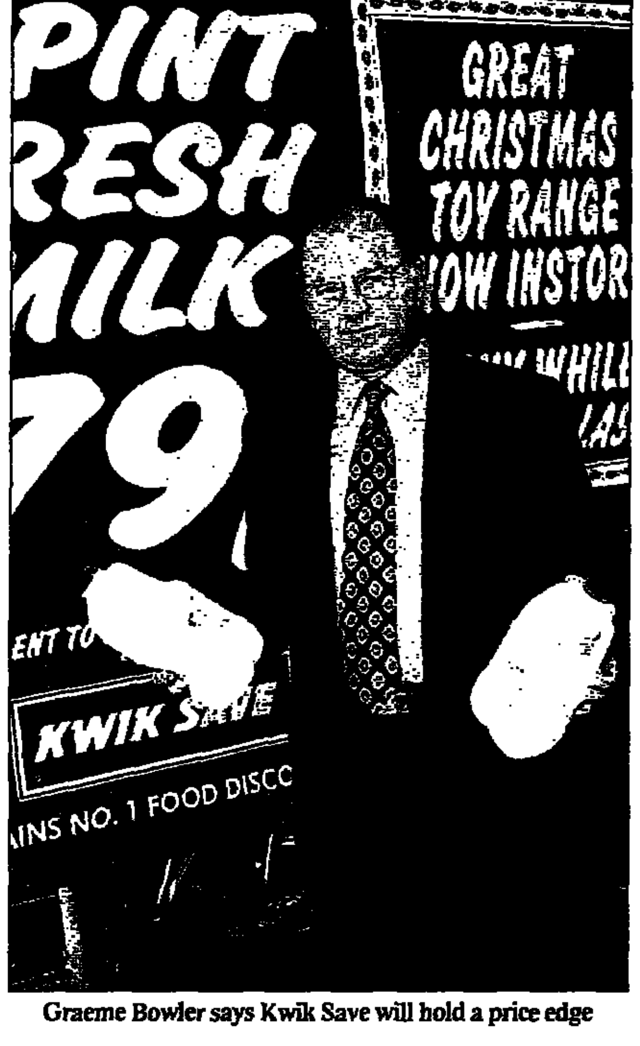
Mr Bowler said the industry had suffered a double blow in recent months from "an unprecedented surge" in competitive pricing, as big superstore chains, such as Tesco and Sainsbury, jumped on the discount bandwagon by launching lower-priced lines, and from an increase in the number of competing stores.

"It seems probable that these conditions will continue and probably intensify," he said. "Against this background, it will be harder to maintain the rate of growth in sales and profits the group has experienced over the last five years."

Mr Bowler unveiled a 14 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £126.1 (£110.6 million), for the year to August 28. Turnover rose by 14.4 per cent, to £2.9 billion (£2.5 billion), despite the absence of price inflation.

Like-for-like sales rose by 8.5 per cent and new stores contributed the remainder. Mr Bowler said the slight fall in gross margins reflected higher liquor and tobacco sales, as well as Kwik Save's policy of reinvesting savings in lower prices.

The group opened 69 new stores in the period, bringing the total to 814. Capital expenditure increased from £89.4 million to £103.2 million, mostly on new store development. Mr Bowler said expansion would continue in the current year, particularly in south-east England, with the opening of a further 80 outlets. The new own-label range of "No Frills" products had performed well and now accounted for 6 per cent of sales. The range is to be extended from 90 to 200 core products over the next 18 months. Mr Bowler insisted that Kwik Save would prove to be "one of the strongest and most successful combatants" in a sustained price war and promised that the chain would maintain the price gap between itself and the superstores.



Graeme Bowler says Kwik Save will hold a price edge

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ML climbs back to the black

A healthy improvement in interest payments after the January rights issue sent ML Holdings, the aerospace components group, to a first half pre-tax profit of £2.06 million compared with losses of £1.48 million.

There is again no dividend for the six months to end September.

Sales were 7 per cent higher at £43.1 million and operating efficiencies that improved sales per employee by 24 per cent left operating profits of £2.70 million, up from £988,000.

Alba advances

Good trading in the traditionally quiet first half has boosted profits at Alba, the consumer electronics group, from £1.20 million to £1.63 million in the six months to end-September. In an optimistic statement John Harris, the chairman, said despite the weak trading conditions in France and Germany, the company had experienced reasonable levels of business in these countries. The interim dividend is unchanged at 1.0p.

Optometrics up

Optometrics Corporation, the optical instruments specialist that operates in Britain and America, saw pre-tax profits in the six months to end-September climb to $98,000 ($29,000) on sales up to $1.88 million ($1.76 million). There is no interim dividend.

Kewill profit

Elimination of a loss-making operation helped Kewill Systems, the computer software and services group, to pre-tax profits of £1.76 million in the six months to end-September, compared with a loss of £172,000. There is again no interim dividend

WALL STREET

New York — Wall Street shares continued their modest rally into midday, with high-technology shares leading the way in what analysts said was becoming a traditional pre-holiday bounce. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 13.41 points to 3,687.58. Advancing issues led declining shares by about 11 to seven. US Treasuries were mostly higher, with the long bond losing some ground but still up 7/32 to yield 6.30 per cent. Analysts said it was likely that trading would thin out as many traders headed home early for the Thanksgiving holiday. (Reuter)

	Nov 24 midday	Nov 23 close
AMP Inc	57½	58
AMR Corp	65¾	69¼
Abbott Labs	29	28¾
Aetna Life	60½	60¼
Ahmanson (HF)	17¼	17¼
Air Prod & Chem	43¼	42¾
Albertson's	24¼	24¼
Alcan Aluminum	21	21¼
Alco Standard	47	46¼
Allied Signal	72¼	71¾
Alum Co of Am	70¼	72
Amax Gold Inc	7	7
Amerada Hess	47¼	47¼
Amer Brands	34¼	34¾
Amer Cyanamid	52½	52¾
Amer El Power	36¼	36¼
Amer Express	30¼	30¼
Amer Genl Corp	28	27¼
Amer Home Pr	63	63¼
Amer Intl	86¾	87¼
Amer Stores	41¼	41¼
Amer T & T	55¾	55¼
Ameritech	77¼	77¼
Amoco	54¼	55¼
Anheuser-Busch	49¼	49¼
Apple Computer	33	33
Archer Daniels	22¼	22¼
Arkla	8	8
Armco	5¼	5¼
Armstrng Wrld	45¼	45¾
Asarco	20¼	19¼
Ashland Oil	33¼	33¾
Atl Richfield	107¼	108
Auto Data Pro	54¼	54
Avery Dennison	28¼	28¼
Avon Products	50¼	50¼
Baker Hughes	21¼	21¼
Baltim Gas & El	25¼	25
Banc One	37	37
BankAmerica	43¼	42¾
Bank of NY	54¾	54¼
Bankers Tr NY	75¼	75¾
Barnett Banks	40¼	39¾
Bausch & Lomb	52¼	52¼
Baxter Intl	23¼	23¾
Bectn Dickinsn	34¼	35¼
Bell Atlantic	58¾	58¾
BellSouth	55¼	55¼
Black & Decker	20¼	20¾
Block (H&R)	38¼	38¼
Boeing	38¾	39
Boise Cascade	22	21¼
Borden Inc	16¼	16
Bristol Myrs Sq	60¼	60½
Browning Ferris	25¼	25¼
Burlingtn Nthn	56	54¾
CBS	310¼	298¼
CNA Financial	77¼	78
CPC Intl	46¼	46¼
CSX	82	80¼
Campbell Soup	41¼	41¼
Can Pacific	17¼	17¼
Cptl Cities ABC	629¼	624½
Cptl Holdings	37¼	36¼
Carolina Pwr	29	28¼
Caterpillar	85¼	85¾
Central & SW	29¼	29¾
Champion Intl	30¼	30¼
Chase Manhat	32¼	32¼
Chemical Bk	37¾	37
Chevron Corp	90	89¼
Chrysler	53¼	52¼
Chubb Corp	80	80
Cigna Corp	63¾	63¾
Citicorp	34¼	35
Clorox	52¼	53
Coastal Corp	29¼	29¾
Coca Cola	42¾	42¼
Colgate-Palmolive	58¼	58¼
Columbia Gas	25	24¾
Commonw Ed	28¼	28¾
Compaq Comp	70¼	68¼
Comp Ass Int	40¼	40
Conagra	27¼	27¼
Cons Edison	31¼	31½
Cons Nat Gas	46¼	46¼
Cons Rail	62	61¼
Cooper Inds	50¼	50
Corning Inc	26¼	26¼
Crown Cork	39¼	39¼
Dana Corp	54¼	55¼
Dayton Hudson	74¼	71¼
Deere	69¼	67¼
Delta Air Lines	56¼	57¼
Deluxe Corp	35¼	35
Detroit Edison	32¼	31¼
Digital Equip	37¼	36
Dillard Dept St	40¼	40¼
Disney (Walt)	39¼	39
Dominion Res	44¼	45
Donnelley (RR)	28¼	28¼
Dover Corp	58¼	58¾
Dow Chemical	56¼	57
Dow Jones	36¼	36¼
Dresser	20¼	20¾
Duke Power	42¼	42¼
Dun & Bradstreet	64¼	64¼
Du Pont	48½	48¾
Eastman Kodak	61¼	62¼
Eaton Corp	51¼	51

	Nov 24 midday	Nov 23 close
Emerson Elec	56¼	56½
Engelhard Corp	23¾	23½
Enron Corp	32¼	32¼
Ensergy Corp	37¼	37¼
Ethyl Corp	17¼	17¼
Exxon	63¾	63¼
FMC Corp	45¼	45¼
FPL Group	36¼	36¼
Federal Express	66¼	65¾
Fed Nat Mtge	75¾	74¼
First Chicago	42¼	42¾
First Interstate	57¼	57¾
First Union Rlty	10¼	10¼
Fleet Finl Grp	30¼	30¼
Fluor Corp	42¼	42¼
Ford Motor	60¼	59¾
GTE Corp	37	36¼
Gannett	55	54¼
Gap Inc Del	39	38¾
Gen Dynamics	91½	91
Gen Electric	97¼	98¼
Gen Mills	60¾	60¼
Gen Motors	53¼	52¾
Gen Reinsurance	111½	111¼
Gen Signal	35¼	35¼
Genuine Parts	37¼	37¼
Georgia Pac	72¼	72¼
Gillette	62¼	62¾
Glaxo ADR	18¼	19
Goodrich (BF)	44¼	44½
Goodyear Tire	41¼	41½
Grace (W&R)	38¾	37¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28¾	27¼
Great Wstn Fin	17¼	17¼
Halliburton	33	32¾
Harcourt General	40¼	39¼
Heinz (HJ)	37¾	37¼
Hercules	103	102
Hershey Foods	51¼	52
Hewlett Packard	73¼	71¼
Hilton Hotels	45¼	45¼
Home Depot	42¼	41¼
Homestake Mng	19¼	19¼
Honeywell	32¼	32¾
Household Intl	34	34
Houston Inds	46¼	46¼
Humana	16¼	15¾
ITT Corp	91½	91¼
Illinois Tool	37¼	37¼
INCO	24¼	24¼
Ingersoll Rand	37¼	37¾
Inland Steel	32¼	33
Intel Corp	60¼	58¾
IBM	55	53¾
Intl Flav & Fr	108	108
Intl Paper	65¾	65¼
James River Va	18¼	18¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	45¼	45¼
K Mart	23¼	23
Kellogg	61	61¼
Kerr-McGee	48¼	49
Kimberly-Clark	52¼	52½
Knight-Ridder	57¼	56¼
Lilly (Eli)	57¾	58¼
Limited Inc	22¼	22¾
Lin Brdcstng	111¼	110¼
Lincoln Nat	41¼	41¼
Litton	65¼	66¼
Liz Claiborne	23¼	23¾
Lockheed Corp	70¼	70¼
Louisiana Pac	38¼	39
MCI Commun	25¼	25
Marriott Intl	27¼	27¾
Marsh & McLnn	79¾	79¼
Masco Corp	34	33¾
May Dept St	42¼	41¼
Maytag Corp	15¼	15¼
McCaw Cellular	52¼	52¾
McDonalds	58	56¼
McDonnell D	106¼	105
McGraw Hill	69¼	68¾
Mead Corp	41¼	41¼
Medtronic	75¼	75¾
Mellon Bk	54¾	54¼
Melville Corp	40¼	39¼
Merck Inc	34¼	34¼
Merrill Lynch	89¼	88¾
Minnesota Mine	108	109¼
Mobil Corp	79¼	78¼
Monsanto	68	67¼
Morgan (JP)	69¼	69¼
Motorola Inc	96¼	95¼
Natl Medical	11¼	10¾
Natl Semi	17¼	17
Natl Service Ind	24¼	23¾
Navistar Intl	25¼	25¼
NBD Bancorp	29¼	28¾
NY Times A	24¼	24¼
Newmont Mng	55	54¼
Niag Mohawk	20¼	20¼
Nike B	49¼	49¼
NL Industries	4¼	4¼
Nordstrom	35¼	35
Norfolk Sthrn	67¼	67¼
Nthn State Pwr	42¼	42¼
Norwest Corp	23¼	23¼
Nynex Corp	42¼	42¼
Occidental Pet	17¼	17¼
Ohio Edison	22¼	22¼
Oracle Systems	32	31¼

	Nov 24 midday	Nov 23 close
Oryx Energy Co	21¼	21¼
Owens Corning	46¼	46¼
PNC Financial	28¼	28¾
PPG Industries	71¼	70¾
Paccar Inc	65¼	64
Pacificorp	19¼	19
Pac Enterprises	25¼	25
Pac Gas & Elect	34¼	34¾
Pac Telesis	55	53¼
Pall Corp	18¼	18¼
Panhandle East	21¼	21¼
Paramnt Comm	77¼	76¼
Parker Hannifin	35¼	35¼
Penney (JC)	51¼	51¼
Pennzoil	58¼	58¼
Pepsico	39¼	39¼
Pfizer	66¾	66¼
Phelps Dodge	45¼	44¾
Philadel Elec	28	28
Philip Morris	56	54¼
Phillips Pet	30¼	30¼
Pitney Bowes	41¼	41¼
Polaroid	35¼	34¼
PriceCostco	18¼	18¼
Primerica	40¼	40¼
Procter & Gmbl	55¼	55¼
Pub Serv E & G	32¼	32¼
Quaker Oats	72¼	72¼
Ralston Purina	37¼	37¼
Raychem Corp	36	36
Raytheon	60¼	61¼
Reebok Intl	30¼	29¼
Reynolds Metals	47	47¼
Roadway Srvcs	66¼	64¼
Rockwell Intl	33¼	33¼
Rohm & Haas	53¼	54
Royal Dutch	103¼	103
Rubbermaid	34¼	33¼
Safeco Corp	56¼	56¼
St Paul's Cos	89¼	87¼
Salomon Inc	43¼	43¼
Santa Fe Pac	19¼	19¼
Sara Lee Corp	26¼	26¼
Scecorp	20¼	20¼
Schering Plough	68¼	69
Schlumberger	60¼	61¼
Scott Paper	37¼	38¼
Seagram	27¼	27
Sears Roebuck	54	53¼
Shell Trans	61¼	61¼
Sherwin Wllms	34¼	34
Skyline Corp	17¼	17¼
Snap-On-Tools	37	36¼
Southern Co	43¼	43¼
Sthwestern Bell	40¼	40
Sprint Corp	33¼	33¼
Stanley Works	39¼	39¼
Sun Company	32¼	31¼
Suntrust	44	43¼
Supervalu	33¼	32¼
Symex Corp	17¼	17¼
Sysco Corp	28¼	28¼
TRW Inc	62¼	63
Tandem Comp	10¼	10¼
Tandy Corp	46¼	45¼
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	24¼	24¼
Temple Inland	48¼	49¼
Tenneco	49¼	49¼
Texaco	66¼	66¼
Texas Inst	65¼	64¼
Texas Utilities	44¼	44¼
Textron	55¼	55¼
Time Warner	44¼	44¼
Times-Mirror	31¼	31¼
Timken	32¼	32¼
Torchmark	42¼	42¼
Toys R Us	39¼	40¼
Transamerica	55¼	55¼
Travelers Corp	32¼	31¼
Tribune	56	55¼
Tyco Labs	46¼	46¼
UAL Corp	138¼	136¼
UST Inc	27¼	27¼
USX Marathon	17¼	17¼
Unilever NV	110¼	111¼
Union Camp	46	46¼
Union Carbide	20¼	20¼
Union Pacific	64¼	63¼
Unisys Corp	11¼	11¼
USAir Group	13¼	13¼
USF&G Corp	13¼	13¼
US Life	37¼	37
US West	46¼	46
United Tech	62¼	61¼
Unocal Corp	28¼	28¼
Upjohn	31¼	31¼
VF Corp	43¼	43¼
WMX Tech	26¼	25¼
Wal-Mart Stores	29¼	29¼
Warner-Lambert	66¼	67¼
Wells Fargo	117¼	117¼
Westinghouse El	13¼	13¼
Weyerhaeuser	42¼	42
Whirlpool	58¼	59¼
Whitman	15¼	16
Winn Dixie	55¼	54¼
Woolworth	22¼	22¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43¼	43¼
Xerox	81¼	80¼

RECENT ISSUES

Abacus (140)	162	...
Abtrust Emrg Econs	89	+½
Abtrust Emrg Econs Wts	48	...
Abtrust LLoyds Insce (100)	98	...
Abtrust Lloyds Wrts	40	...
Allders (170)	186	...
Azlan (230)	241	...
CLM Insce (100)	96	-1
Canadian Pizza (200)	194	...
Charles Sidney (110)	103	+2
Cleveland Trust (100)	111	...
Coal Invs	15	...
Crest Packaging	134	-2
DFS Furniture (260)	271	...
Dellan Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	96½	-1½
Emerald Energy (1)	1½	...
Finsbury U/writing Inv	103	...
For & Col Emerg Mkts Wts	55	...
Gartmore (168)	167	-1
HCG Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	98	-1
Hiscox Select Ins Fd (100)	102	-1
Hozelock (250)	246	...
Independent Insce (225)	270	-1
Litho Supplies (190)	193	...
London Fin & Inv Wts	11½	...
London Insce Mkt (100)	99	-1
Masthead Insce (100)	96	-1½
New London Capital (100)	93½	-1½
Roxboro (230)	235	-2
Smlr Co Inv Tst C (135)	141	...
Throgmorton Prfd (100)	102	...
Towry Law (190)	183	...
Ugland Intl	103	...
Vendome Luxury Uts	302	-2
Virtuality Group (170)	259	+3
Wiggins Group	3½	...
Wigmore Property Inv (100)	94	...
Wigmore Property Wts	29	...

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	8,500	Cadbury	593	MEPC	2,000	Scot Power	1,500
Abbey Natl	3,000	Caradon	851	Marks Spr	5,200	Sears	7,000
Alld-Lyons	929	Carlton Cm	557	NFC	798	Svrn Trent	558
Anglian W	1,800	Coats Vyla	3,900	NatWst Bk	2,600	Shell Trans	2,100
Argyll Gp	2,800	Cm Union	633	Nat Power	4,900	Siebe	776
Arjo Wiggn	1,300	Courtaulds	1,500	Nth Wst W	1,200	SmKl Bch	2,900
AB Foods	276	Enterpr Oil	1,000	Nthrn Fds	1,400	Smith Nph	1,500
BAA	1,300	Forte	1,200	P & O	978	Sthern Elec	3,700
BAT Inds	1,700	GRE	977	Pearson	1,200	Std Chartd	731
BOC	891	GUS	1,100	PowerGen	2,400	Sun Allnce	1,600
BP	4,100	Gen Acc	1,200	Prudential	4,300	TI Gp	769
BT	6,300	Gen Elec	4,200	RMC	684	TSB	1,500
BTR	3,700	Glaxo	2,200	RTZ	2,200	Tesco	6,900
Bk of Scot	2,000	Granada	1,500	Rank Org	1,300	Thames W	1,100
Barclays	2,700	Grand Met	2,600	Recklt Col	245	Thrn EMI	871
Bass	3,700	Guinness	1,600	Redland	1,000	Tomkins	3,900
Blue Circle	4,400	HSBC	2,900	Reed Intl	698	Unilever	1,100
Boots	1,900	Hanson	5,000	Rentokil	755	Utd Bisc	394
Bowater	1,100	ICI	2,800	Reuters	507	Vodafone	1,900
Brit Aero	1,700	Inchcape	2,600	Rolls Royce	7,800	Wrbrg (SG)	1,000
Brit Airwys	3,200	Kingfisher	989	Ryl Ins	4,800	Wellcome	2,900
Brit Gas	6,500	Ladbroke	2,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,800	Whitbd 'A'	713
Brit Steel	1,100	Land Secs	558	Sainsbury	4,600	Wllms Hld	590
Burmah Cstrl	322	Legal & Gn	617	Schroders	39	Wolseley	422
Cable Wire	3,400	Lloyds Bk	2,800	Scot & New	374	Zeneca	2,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3687.58 (+13.41)
S&P Composite .... 462.77 (+1.74)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 17067.11 (-317.73)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9238.06 (+202.04)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 133.2 (-0.3)

Sydney: AO .... 2032.4 (+22.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2029.55 (+2.14)

FT 30 share: .... 2329.9 (+1.9)

Brussels:
General .... 7061.69 (-0.90)

Paris: CAC .... 589.27 (+6.08)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 620.50 (+1.70)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1515.21 (-1.85)
FT 500 .... 1623.37 (-5.14)
FT Gold Mines .... 236.5 (-6.4)
FT Fixed Interest .... 123.88 (+0.08)
FT Govt Secs .... 103.49 (+0.06)
Bargains 25045
SEAQ Volume 567.0m
USM (Datastrm) .... 149.08 (-0.10)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 8	November 19	February 10	February 21

Call options were taken out on 24/11/93: Bluebird Toys, Hanson Wts, Kells Minerals, Kewill Systems, Regent Corp, Signet, Sleepy Kids, Tullow Oil, Tuskar Res. Put: Regent Corp.

Puts & Calls: Avesco, Hanson Wts, LIT Prf, NFC, Tesco.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 93	3072.0	3086.0	3062.0	3070.0	7963
Previous open interest: 67906	Mar 94	3091.0	3100.0	3085.0	3087.5	497
Three Month Sterling	Dec 93	94.61	94.63	94.58	94.61	27502
Previous open interest: 400884	Mar 94	94.80	94.83	94.76	94.80	21109
	Jun 94	94.83	94.86	94.81	94.84	6871
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.49	96.49	96.49	96.49	190
Previous open interest: 13986	Mar 94	96.40	96.40	96.39	96.41	101
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	93.88	93.90	93.86	93.90	20106
Previous open interest: 738135	Mar 94	94.56	94.58	94.54	94.58	23001
Long Gilt	Dec 93	115-23	115-25	115-04	115-09	92077
Previous open interest: 131730	Mar 94	115-01	115-02	114-16	114-19	36727
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	114.72	114.73	114.60	114.73	83
	Mar 94	113.89	113.96	113.82	113.89	1199
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 93	102.90	102.92	102.77	102.90	2150
Previous open interest: 22883	Mar 94				103.03	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 93	99.68	99.74	99.45	99.57	72590
Previous open interest: 189094	Mar 94	99.78	99.84	99.58	99.68	4059
Three month ECU	Dec 93	93.33	93.37	93.33	93.35	1845
Previous open interest: 35561	Mar 94	94.02	94.06	94.01	94.05	986
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.62	95.67	95.60	95.67	4645
Previous open interest: 57456	Mar 94	96.11	96.18	96.11	96.16	4315
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 93	112.20	112.70	111.83	112.37	51812
Previous open interest: 110684	Mar 94	112.20	112.85	111.98	112.55	12007

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.6 (day's range 81.5-81.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8390-2.8470	2.8435-2.8470	par-¼ds	¼-½ds
Brussels	53.60-53.74	53.60-53.71	10-15ds	26-35ds
Copenhagen	10.0380-10.0740	10.0510-10.0740	1⅞-¾pr	6⅞-7½ds
Dublin	1.0507-1.0551	1.0527-1.0551	9-13ds	21-27ds
Frankfurt	2.5313-2.5372	2.5339-2.5372	⅛-¼ds	½-⅝ds
Lisbon	257.98-258.85	258.15-258.78	120-147ds	385-427ds
Madrid	205.50-206.31	206.09-206.31	64-82ds	119-219ds
Milan	2500.90-2518.30	2500.90-2504.90	7-9ds	23-28ds
Montreal	1.9743-1.9867	1.9773-1.9802	0.31-0.23pr	0.52-0.41pr
New York	1.4875-1.4910	1.4875-1.4885	0.32-0.30pr	0.76-0.73pr
Oslo	10.9910-11.0250	11.0020-11.0250	1¼pr-par	1½-¼pr
Paris	8.7720-8.7980	8.7790-8.7940	(-1⅛ds	2¾-3⅜ds
Stockholm	12.4340-12.4880	12.4460-12.4850	1⅜-3⅛ds	5⅛-6⅞ds
Tokyo	160.87-161.40	160.87-161.14	½-⅜pr	1⅜-1¼pr
Vienna	17.80-17.85	17.80-17.84	⅛-1⅛ds	1¼-⅜pr
Zurich	2.2192-2.2243	2.2212-2.2243	¼-⅛pr	½-⅜pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4860-1.4886
Australia dollar	2.2431-2.2464
Bahrain dinar	0.556-0.569
Brazil cruzeiro *	316.03-317.44
Cyprus pound	0.758-0.768
Finland marka	8.582-8.698
Greece drachma	360.5-367.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.5136-11.5229
India rupee	46.32-47.28
Kuwait dinar KD	0.44-0.45
Malaysia ringgit	3.8015-3.8056
Mexico peso	4.52-4.67
New Zealand dollar	2.7140-2.7209
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.527-5.653
Singapore dollar	2.3801-2.3833
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4303-6.5092
S Africa rand (com)	4.9991-5.0055
U A E dirham	5.4105-5.5345

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5039-1.5051
Austria	11.95-11.96
Belgium (Com)	36.03-36.06
Canada	1.3314-1.3324
Denmark	6.7327-6.7427
France	5.8987-5.9037
Germany	1.7011-1.7021
Hong Kong	7.7247-7.7257
Ireland	1.4162-1.4182
Italy	1683.1-1684.6
Japan	107.98-108.08
Malaysia	2.5505-2.5515
Netherlands	1.9093-1.9103
Norway	7.3765-7.3865
Portugal	173.3-173.6
Singapore	1.5969-1.5979
Spain	138.30-138.35
Sweden	8.35-8.37
Switzerland	1.4932-1.4942

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5⅛ Low 5 Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth: 4⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Overnight: open 5⅞, close 7.					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.06	n/a	3.35-3.31	3.42-3.38	3.69-3.65
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 29, 1993 Agreed rates Nov 24, 1993 to Dec 25, 1993 Scheme III: 7.06 %. Reference rate Oct 1, 1993 to Oct 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.82%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2½	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5⅞-5⅞	7⅛-6½
French Franc:	7-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	7-6
Swiss Franc:	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	5-4
Yen:	2⅞-2⅞	2⅞-2⅞	2⅞-2⅞	2⅞-2⅞	2⅞-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $376.30-376.70 Close: $375.70-376.20 High: $376.35-376.85
Low: $375.00-375.50 Krugerrand: $375.00-377.00 (£251.00-253.00)
Sovereigns: Old $88.00-90.00 (£58.50-60.50) New $88.00-90.00 (£58.50-60.50)
Platinum: $372.75 (£249.90) Silver: $4.65 (£3.125) Palladium: $125.10 (£83.90)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	550	33½	47	52½	12½	19½	32½
(*574)	600	9½	23	28	41½	48	61
Argyll	260	14	23	27	14	18	25
(*262)	280	6	14½	18½	27½	30½	37½
ASDA	50	6½	8	10½	3	5	6
(*52½)	60	2½	4	6	9	11½	12½
Boots	500	34½	47½	50	9	17	20
(*520)	550	9½	22	30	36½	43½	52
Br Airways	390	34½	44	51	10½	16	24½
(*413½)	420	17½	28	35½	24½	30	39½
BP	330	24	30½	35½	7	12½	16
(*343)	360	8	15	21	22½	27½	31½
Br Steel	110	11½	15½	19	5	7½	10½
(*116)	120	6	10	14	9½	13	15½
C & W	450	30	42½	52½	14½	23½	27
(*465½)	475	17½	28	38	27	34½	39
CU	550	59	65½	73½	3½	11½	16
(*598½)	600	22½	31½	43½	18	31½	36½
ICI	657	38½	—	—	14	—	—
(*675)	681	25	—	—	25	—	—
Kingfishr	650	31	47	55½	20½	30	41½
(*654½)	700	11	24	33	52	59	69½
Land Sec	700	35½	51	59½	12	19	31½
(*724½)	750	11	25½	33	40½	46	58½
M & S	390	25½	34½	39	8	12½	19
(*403½)	420	9½	18½	24	23½	27½	34
Nat West	500	42	49	56	7	18	23½
(*529)	550	13½	22	31	31	46	50½
Sainsbury	390	16½	29	35	17	24½	32
(*390½)	420	6	17	22½	39	43½	51
Shell	650	49	56½	63½	6½	16½	21½
(*686½)	700	16	27	37	25½	41½	46½
Smkl Bch	390	28	38½	48	15½	25½	31½
(*397)	420	15	25½	35½	33	42	48½
Storehse	180	21½	25	28½	3½	6	9
(*197)	200	8	13	17	12	15	18½
Trafalgar	90	7	11½	13½	5½	7½	10½
(*93)	100	3	7½	8½	12	14	16½
Unilever	1050	65	80	96	15	30½	38
(*1095)	1100	32	52½	67	34	55	62
Zeneca	750	32½	46½	57	29½	48	55½
(*750)	800	12½	24½	36	58½	80½	86½

Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	360	29½	36	42½	14½	18½	23
(*378)	390	13½	21½	28	31½	35	38½
Ladbroke	160	14½	18	23½	12½	17½	21½
(*160)	180	7	11	14½	25	31½	34½
Utd Bisc	330	26	31	34½	12½	21½	25½
(*336½)	360	12	15½	22	28	41	45½

November 24, 1993 Tot: 55252 Call: 20678 Put: 34574 FT-SE Call: 5588 Put: 21139
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Nov	Jan	Apr	Puts Nov	Jan	Apr
BAA	900	26	42½	68	1	20½	31
(*922)	950	1	20½	39½	31	48½	57½
Thames W	500	23½	35	47	1	7½	14
(*522)	550	1	10½	21	30½	34	38½

Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	475	10	32	—	1½	15½	—
(*485)	500	1	19	25½	17	29	44
BTR	330	16	27½	31	1	9	15½
(*344)	360	1	12	17	18	24	31½
Br Aero	390	21	45½	54	0½	23	31
(*409)	420	—	30	38½	13	38	46½
Br Telcm	420	35½	38½	45	1	5½	9
(*453½)	460	1	13	21½	8½	23	27
Cadbury	414	33½	43	47	1	6	14
(*445)	453	1	17	23	9	20½	32
Guinness	420	15½	32	39½	1	14½	24
(*432½)	460	1	13	20½	30½	37	47½
GEC	330	6½	18	25	1	12½	16
(*334½)	360	1	6	11½	27½	32½	34½
Hanson	260	20	23	26	1	5	8
(*278½)	280	1	10½	15	3	13	17
LASMO	130	4½	16	19	1	8	13
(*134)	140	1	11	13½	7	14	18½
Lucas	160	13½	21	24	1	7	10½
(*171½)	180	1	9	14	10½	18	21
Pilkingtn	140	14	17	21½	1	6	8½
(*152)	160	1	7	11	8½	17½	19½
Prudential	330	0½	17	22½	1	13	21½
(*330½)	360	1	6½	10½	31	33	41½
Redland	500	43	58	64½	1	9	21½
(*541)	550	1½	27	35½	11	29½	46
Royal Ins	288	7	20½	—	1	12½	—
(*292½)	317	1	7½	—	26½	31	—
Tesco	180	16½	23½	28	1	5½	11
(*194½)	200	1	12	17½	7½	14½	21½
Vodafone	500	16	43½	58	1	27½	36½
(*514)	550	1	21½	35½	38	57½	66
Williams	300	24	32½	37	1	6	12
(*322)	330	1	14½	19	10	18½	27½

FT-SE INDEX (*3066½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Dec	145	103	69	39	22	11
Jan	170	133	102	73	51	36
Feb	187	151	120	92	69	51
Mar	202	168	136	107	84	62
Jun	—	203	—	142	—	96
Puts						
Dec	21	—	49	77	106	150
Jan	46	58	77	100	130	165
Feb	55	70	90	112	140	174
Mar	67	84	102	123	151	191
Jun	—	111	—	152	—	206

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	20½	30½	34	5	15½	20½
(*402½)	420	5	14½	19	22	32½	37
Amstrad	45	3	7	8½	3	5½	7
(*45)	50	1½	4½	6½	6½	8½	10
Barclays	550	18½	35½	43	13	28	35
(*553½)	600	3	15	22	49½	60½	64½
Blue Circ	300	23	34	38	4½	11	19
(*316½)	330	6	17½	23	19	26	35½
Br Gas	300	27½	34½	38½	2	5½	9½
(*324)	330	5½	15½	20	11½	16½	24
Dixons	260	14½	24	30½	8	17½	22
(*264½)	280	5½	15½	21½	19½	28½	33½
Forte	220	15½	24½	27½	4½	11	15½
(*231)	240	4½	15	17½	15	21½	27
Hillsdwn	140	13½	19½	22½	2½	7	12½
(*149)	160	2½	9	12	13½	18	24½
Lonrho	130	11½	17½	21	3½	9½	12
(*137)	140	6	12½	16	9	14½	17
Sears	110	10½	14½	16	1½	5	6
(*117½)	120	4	8½	10½	5	9½	11
Thrn Eml	850	60½	73	90½	5½	21	28½
(*895)	900	24½	44	61	23	43	51
Tomkins	220	8	15½	20½	6½	13½	16½
(*221)	240	2½	8	12	21½	26½	29
TSB	200	15	21	24	3	8	11½
(*211)	220	3½	9½	14	12½	19½	22
Wellcome	600	39	63½	75½	14	31½	43
(*620)	650	16	39	51½	42	59½	69

Series		Dec	Apr	Jul	Dec	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	600	49	71½	89½	8½	32½	43½
(*635)	650	19½	46	64½	31	58	68
HSBC	700	45½	71	80½	9½	36	45
(*732½)	750	16½	47½	55	31½	63	71½
Reuter	1550	74½	125½	155½	21	66	85
(*1595½)	1600	44½	97½	127	41½	89½	109

Series		Dec	Feb	May	Dec	Feb	May
R-Royce	156	16	20½	—	2½	7	—
(*167½)	176	4½	10	—	12½	17	—

Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	140	8½	17	20½	7	13	18½
(*140)	160	2½	9	12½	22½	25½	32½

Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	550	40	49½	58½	1	9	14½
(*588½)	600	1	19	30½	14	32	37

Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	390	17	29	35½	6	14	20
(*399)	420	4	14½	20½	24	30	36
Scot Pwr	390	24	31	38½	3	10	12½
(*409)	420	6½	15½	22½	16½	24½	27½

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: The precious metals are range bound, but the spread between platinum and gold has tumbled following a series of bearish supply and demand figures. Platinum has previously traded at a premium to gold because world stockpiles are significantly lower and it is produced by two politically insecure countries - South Africa and Russia.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	973-972	Mar	1002-1001
Mar	1019-1018	May	1005-1004
May	1023-1022	Jul	1008-1004
Jul	1021-1019	Sep	1012-1010
Sep	1019-1017		
Dec	1001-1000		Volume: 5606

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1265-1262	Jul	1309-1205
Jan	1273-1272	Sep	1210-1207
Mar	1238-1236	Nov	1210-1207
May	1210-1209		Volume: 1675

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR ($.00pm)

Spot: 257.7		Oct	10.68-10.80
		Jan	unq
Mar	10.39-10.45	Mar	unq
May	10.65-10.73	May	unq
Jul	10.90-11.00		Volume: 75

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	270.0-69.0
Spot: 285.0		Dec	270.0-68.5
Mar	277.0-76.0	Mar	272.6-70.0
May	278.5-77.2	May	276.1-72.0
Aug	282.5-81.2		Volume: 603

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 24

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	72.69	89.49	119.12
(+/-)	-0.80	+2.76	+2.03
Eng/Wales:	72.75	89.92	118.16
(+/-)	+0.87	+3.37	-2.21
(%)	-5.4	-2.7	-1.2
Scotland:	61.62	86.98	123.58
(+/-)	n/a	+0.10	+0.78
(%)	n/a	-45.9	-2.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	..	Mar	unq	..
Sep	unq	..			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	100.00
Mar	101.55
May	103.55
Jun	104.50
Sep	90.75
	Volume: 250

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	104.00
Mar	105.90
May	107.75
Sep	93.25
Nov	95.00
	Volume: 91

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	...
Dec	...
Feb	...
Apr	...
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	102.5
Apr	90.0	88.8
May	unq	105.5
		Volume: 22

RUBBER

No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Dec 60.00-60.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The Opec meeting currently underway in Vienna was producing mixed signals, thus levels eased.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.10	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Dec)	15.25	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Jan)	15.40	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	16.60	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	16.85	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	170 (n/c)	172 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	168 (+2)	169 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	171 (+1)	173 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jan	173 (+2)	174 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	151 (n/c)	153 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Dec	166.50-66.75	Mar	159.50-59.75
Jan	164.00-64.25	Apr	158.00-58.25
Feb	161.75-62.00	May	158.00-58.25
			Vol: 16567

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	15.48-15.49	Apr	n/a
Feb	15.70-15.72	May	n/a
Mar	15.90-15.92		Vol: 23128

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Dec	159.00-60.00	Mar	165.00-74.75
Jan	163.75 BID	Apr	163.00-65.00
Feb	163.00-70.75		Vol: 51

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 93	1270	1270	1270
Dec 93	1260	1257	1257
Jan 94	1265	1259	1259
Apr 94	1285	1270	1275

Vol: 225 lots. Open int'st: 2645 Index 1275 -5

(Official) (Volume prev day) LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1622.5-1623.0	1646.0-1646.5	807000
Lead ($/tonne)	399.00-400.00	413.00-413.50	93500
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	915.00-916.00	932.00-932.50	230500
Tin ($/tonne)	4565.0-4570.0	4615.0-4620.0	18560
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1039.0-1039.5	1059.0-1059.5	1131775
Nickel ($/tonne)	4680.0-4683.0	4740.0-4745.0	65544

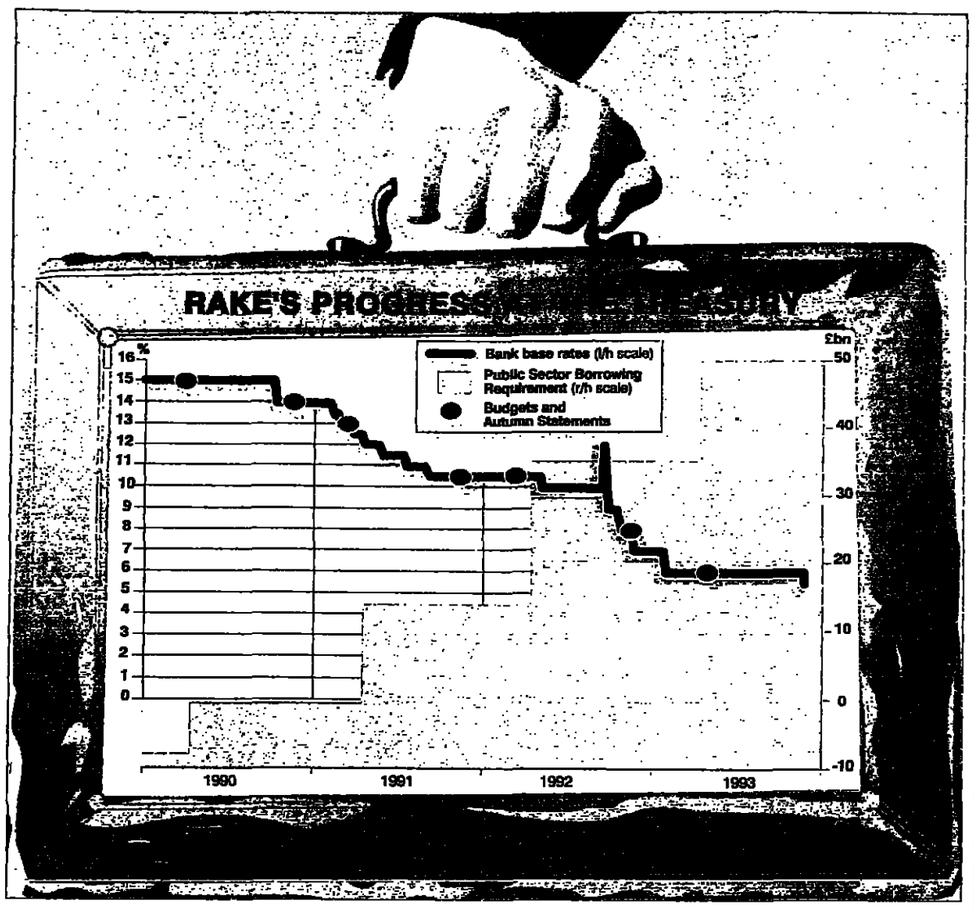
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ECONOMIC VIEW

Superman Clarke turns into man of inaction

The rate cut shows the Treasury is still doing too little to end the recession, but now it is doing it too early, instead of too late, Anatole Kaletsky says



The premature and stunted half-point interest rate cut announced by Kenneth Clarke on Tuesday has led to two firm conclusions about the new Chancellor's six-month stint at the Treasury. First, the skilled team of officials who gave us exchange-rate mechanism membership, three million jobless, White Wednesday and the £50 billion public sector borrowing requirement, are now more then ever in charge of a Chancellor who does not even feign much interest in economics. Second, however, Mr Clarke, who prides himself on being a man of action, has introduced one important innovation — the Treasury is still doing too little to end the recession: but now it is doing it too early, instead of too late.

At this point, I must make one of my increasingly frequent apologies to regular readers of this column. I keep making the same mistake — I keep overestimating the intelligence of British politicians. When Norman Lamont was sacked, I made the mistake of thinking that Mr Clarke, as the first British Chancellor since 1976 to have had no contact with the monetarist tradition, would apply his legendary common sense to the recent record of the Treasury and the Bank — and attach the appropriate weighting to his officials' advice. In retrospect, however, there was nothing surprising about Mr Clarke's decision to proceed by ineffectual half-measures. From now on, my motto will be a variant of Lord Northcliffe's: you never go wrong by underestimating the intelligence of a British Chancellor.

Just think back over the past three years, and specifically over the past six times a Tory Chancellor stood up before the House of Commons to deliver a set-piece economic speech — either the Budget or the annual Autumn Statement on public spending. There is a good reason to concentrate on the last six such occasions. The Autumn Statement of November, 1990, which was delivered by John Major in what was to be his crowning act as Chancellor, was the government's first opportunity to react to the collapse in demand which had abruptly hit British businesses that autumn. Industrialists were demanding a sharp cut in interest rates, but the Treasury had not even acknowledged that a recession was starting. Mr Major did nothing on interest rates. Instead, he reaffirmed his "tough" public spending targets, targets that actually produced a two-year increase of 4.5 percentage points in the ratio of public spending to GDP, the biggest such increase since 1974. Mr Major also passed on to the country a reassurance from top Treasury officials — if a recession had happened at all, it was already nearly over. Business would need no artificial "kick starts" from lower interest rates. Companies were coping perfectly well with monetary conditions as they then stood — base rates were 14 per cent.

Three months and a quarter of a million job losses later, Norman Lamont was forced to throw out the Treasury's forecasts and to start cutting interest rates. But he always did too little, too late. When Mr Lamont was preparing his own first Budget, the best outside advice was of the same tenor as it had been the previous autumn: cut interest rates boldly, by at least two percentage points, and restore control over public borrowing. But like his predecessor, Mr Lamont listened to his officials. He left monetary policy unchanged in the Budget and allowed a big increase in public borrowing. As the economy burnt, he fiddled with VAT and poll tax. Of course, the economy continued burning, and soon Mr Lamont was again forced to relent. He resumed the cuts in interest rates, but again only by timid half-point steps. By the autumn, although interest rates had fallen to 10.5 per cent, confidence had vanished down a black hole and the public borrowing was rising to levels undreamt of even a few months before. The same pattern of hasty inaction followed by repentance at leisure occurred in each of the next four Budgets and Autumn Statements. Even if Mr Lamont was constrained in November 1991 and March 1992 by the imminent general election, he could easily have cut interest rates by a full point after the unexpected election victory in April. Had he acted boldly then, Britain might even have managed to stay in the ERM.

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But let us move on to the last Autumn Statement. By last November, we had finally been released from the ERM nightmare and Mr Lamont had the perfect chance to revive the economy, recast the government's economic policy and even boost his own political fortune. All he had to do was follow the advice of most businessman and economic commentators before the last Autumn Statement: curb public borrowing and simultaneously cut interest rates by at least two full points from 8 to 6 per cent. Instead, of course, he listened again to his advisers. He allowed another big increase in public spending and combined this with a disappointing rate cut of only one point. By January, after another shock increase in unemployment, the Treasury and Bank again had to be overridden — this time by an embarrassing phone call from Delhi where a panic-stricken Mr Major demanded an immediate rate cut to the 6 per cent level, which Mr Lamont should have decreed himself two months before. This brings us up to Mr Lamont's last Budget: another perfect chance to ease monetary policy and reduce public borrowing. Instead, the Chancellor casually announced the biggest PSBR in Britain's peacetime history and then chose to do literally nothing about it: tax increases were deferred for 12 months, the previous autumn's public spending was confirmed and Mr Lamont rejected any further reductions in interest rates.

Mr Lamont has paid the personal price for his last Budget, but the cost for Britain as a whole is only just starting to be felt. The non-oil economy, instead of accelerating rapidly, as it could have done after White Wednesday, has crawled along at an almost imperceptible annual growth rate of just 1.6 per cent. Since the first quarter, when this rate of growth was established by the sharp monetary easing that followed sterling's departure from the ERM, there has been no evidence of any further improvement. If anything, it seems that recovery slowed in the summer and that growth may have stalled altogether in the final quarter of this year — and that is before the consumer is hit by tax increases that could cut national income by more than 1 per cent.

So what has Mr Clarke decided to do about this disappointing performance? After six months of hesitation he has cut interest rates by a half point and next Tuesday he is expected to hammer consumers and businesses with a further £3 billion worth of taxes, on top of the £6.7 billion worth announced by Mr Lamont. Inevitably, the result will be a further slowdown in the rate of economic recovery. Conceivably, the economy could slow so abruptly that there would even be a rise in the PSBR.

Eventually, of course, there will be the usual post-Budget panic followed by a cascade of further reductions in interest rates. In the end, economic reality will prevail over the stubbornness of officials and the caution and inexperience of Mr Clarke. Interest rates will in fact fall further if the recovery falters than they would have if Mr Clarke had acted to support growth now. Base rates of 4 per cent by next summer are now firmly on the economic horizon. What is becoming harder to discern on the political horizon is that bold man of action who was going to restore the Conservative party's fortunes after John Major's removal. Did they really mean that shy, ineffectual chap from the Treasury? What was his name — Kenneth Clarke?

TEMPUS

More power for the people

IF The Treasury ever needed some pre-marketing for the privatisation of its remaining 40 per cent stakes in the two generators next summer, it was supplied by by PowerGen. Unlike National Power, PowerGen seems to have written off the chance of an MMC enquiry into the power generation industry. Its confidence does not look misplaced. The Treasury would scream blue murder against any move that could jeopardise the funding of next year's budget deficit.

Once the risk of an enquiry fades, investors can again concentrate on the generators' innate financial strength. Admittedly, further profit growth in PowerGen's core business looks limited as the company has halved its workforce since privatisation and must be running out of costs to cut. But the potential cash generation is tremendous, with the company capable of pumping out more than £200 million a year. No wonder PowerGen feels confident enough to reduce its dividend cover to 2.5 times, down from 3.5, by 1996.

The question is whether PowerGen can invest its surplus cash wisely. Since it is heading straight into high-risk areas like eastern Germany, Malaysia and China, the fear must be that it is running before it can walk. The only comfort is that its target of a 12 per cent return is not too demanding.

To assist the Treasury marketing campaign further, PowerGen's full-year figures are likely to be boosted by a £17 million pension provision writeback. Without this, the shares trade on 12 times underlying earnings. Not expensive, but private investors should hold back until they are offered the bonuses in next year's Power2 privatisation.

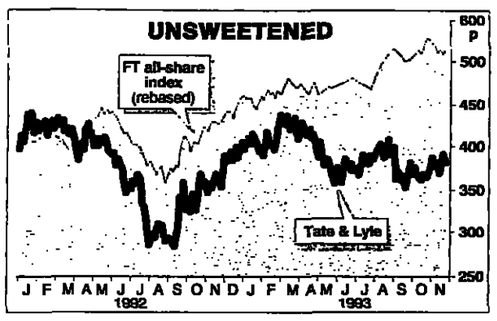
Tate & Lyle

ON THE strength of yesterday's figures, Tate's shareholders would be forgiven for wishing their company had stayed at home. Discounting the £23.7 million boost to profits from currency gains and stock profits, the group's pre-tax profits recovered by only £9.3 million after last year's sharp fall. All of that came from its historic British business.

Tate wisely warned the City not to expect anything more in its trading statement last September, so everyone was relieved when the numbers emerged much as expected.

Hopefully this year, Tate's American operations will begin to pull their weight, thanks mainly to a poor beet crop. This should provide relief to Tate's balance sheet, in which gearing remains an unwieldy 78 per cent, but it underlines the group's inherent exposure to commodity price fluctuations. Whatever the underlying growth in the world sweetener market, Tate's quality of earnings will always be poor in its current formation and the share rating of only 11 times current year earnings reflects that.

Tate would benefit perhaps from an acquisition to improve its earnings mix, but high debts effectively prevent that. Instead, the group currently seems to prefer backing Sucralose, the calorie-free sugar substitute, in which it has already sunk £35 million. While Tate's 4.1 per cent yield has attractions, investors might prefer broader-based food businesses.



Kwik Save

IF Kwik Save is being squeezed between foreign discounters on one hand and price-competitive superstores on the other, it has yet to show the pain. Like-for-like sales grew 8.4 per cent in the year to August, the strongest existing store growth by any of the major food retailers to have reported this year. There is also plenty of room for organic growth. The 814-strong chain is still underrepresented in Scotland and South-East England and a network of 1,500 stores is not inconceivable. With only 30 per cent of its stores refurbished in the last three years, it can also enhance sales through refits.

Graeme Bowler, the chief executive, does warn that future profits growth will be lower than in the past. Before investors panic, they should bear in mind that profits have risen at a compound annual rate of 20 per cent over the last five years.

That is not to say Kwik Save will not start to feel the squeeze more, particularly now that the major superstores are using price as a real weapon and not a marketing gimmick. But on a prospective p/e of about 10 times, the shares still look inexpensive.

Caledonia Investments

IF Caledonia Investments was an investment trust it would win prizes. Lord Cayzer's investment criteria are esoteric but they seem to work. The company has increased its net assets per share 27 per cent in the past year, no mean feat given current interest rate levels.

In the past five years, Caledonia has behaved as the classic counter-cyclical investor. It sold its stake in British & Commonwealth at the top of the market, before the financial group trundled down the path to oblivion, and wisely persuaded Barclays to guarantee the part-payments. Then it bought up choicest pieces of B&C's former empire at bargain prices from the administrator. If Exco, the money broker, is floated next year as expected, Caledonia should easily triple its investment.

Caledonia is fussy about its investments and generally only backs people it knows well. Its venture in the Bahamas and Mauritius with Sol Kerzner is only the latest episode in a relationship that spans decades.

The one criticism that can be laid against the company is its reluctance to invest at any speed. This has prevented it from taking full advantage of the sudden upturn in equity prices in the past year and left it with liquid deposits of £128 million, earning low returns. But Lord Cayzer can still find attractive opportunities despite his complaints, as he proved with the £24 million acquisition of St Botolph's House in the City in September, which carries a 10 per cent yield.

Caledonia's shares are not the most liquid on the market, since half the company is controlled by the Cayzer family, and a clutch of institutions are long term holders of much of the remaining equity. But at 568p, they trade on a 9 per cent discount to net assets — far better value than one can find in any half-decent investment trust or property these days — which makes them look cheap.

Answer lies in growth not cuts

BUSINESS LETTER

From Mr Robert Breckman

Sir, I fail to understand this pre-occupation that a fall in interest rates will be the answer to the country's ills. The mere fact that my overdraft and loan interest will be reduced does not mean that my sales will suddenly increase.

The converse of a reduction in interest rates is that people will no longer receive a reasonable return on their savings.

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Thanksgiving celebrations

LONDON is ten years ahead of other European capitals when it comes to US-style theme restaurants — and the influence is spreading. But getting the all-important Coke signs, number plates and other memorabilia past suspicious EC bureaucrats is another story, as Peter Webber, managing director of My Kinda Town, the American theme restaurant group, knows only too well. Webber, who today toasts the sixteenth birthday of The Chicago Pizza Pie Factory — it introduced deep-style pizzas to Europe on Thanksgiving day 1977 — spotted two giant Studebaker signs in a garage in Georgia, and bought them for a restaurant in Paris. "I sent them via our shop-fitters in Sweden, but French customs refused to let them in because they were non-EC," says Webber, who travels all over America in search of momentos. "They had to go back to Sweden and then to London before we could get them in." Red-tape aside, he reports that the continentals are warming to the US-theme. My Kinda Town has doubled in size in the past two years, forced by the UK recession to venture on to the mainland, and is now eyeing opportunities as far afield as Bangkok and Buenos Aries. "We're desperate to be in the Far East," says Webber. "The problem is finding a good partner."



Peter Webber's memorabilia signs have run into difficulties with French customs

MEANWHILE, Londoners who fancy a full blast of Thanksgiving Day festivities should head for The Roadhouse, that subterranean Covent Garden haunt, where an XL1200 Harley-Davidson Sportster, no less, is up for grabs. From 4pm to 9pm, Easy Rider freaks will be throwing dice at £1 a time in the hope of winning the bike ... with odds of 234,000 to one. Runner-up prizes include flights to the US, the odd leather jacket and bottles of Jack Daniels. A live band kicks off at 10pm.

England in touch

AMID all the excitement over Peter Brooke's television proposals, directors of London Weekend Television have run into a little trouble with the taxman over plans to distribute £1.6 million among 700 staff who missed out on the share options bonanza enjoyed by top managers. Employees should have been paid about £2,000 last month, but the Inland Revenue has put a spoke in the process by telling LWT it intends to tax senior management on the payments. LWT is fighting back, citing a case 20 years ago when a bonus to the England football team at the Mexico World Cup prompted the Revenue to launch an unsuccessful attempt to make the players pay tax on the bonus.

Tuning Bell

WORD of Sir Tim Bell's new political venture leads to Paris, where Justin Downes, the City PR man who founded and built up Financial Dynamics with fellow PR veteran, Tony Knox, has been exposed as the "missing link". Downes, rather than FD, has emerged as the other party who held talks with Kevin Bell about forming a political consultancy, before Bell and Sir Tim decided to team up. "The talks came to nothing," says Downes, who sold FD for £5 million, 18 months after he set it up, and left the firm last year. Now based in Paris, he returns regularly to the UK and has several ventures up his sleeve.

Penny wise

JOHN Madejski, the millionaire publisher who owns *Auto Trader*, must feel he earns enough without adding to his income stream. Discussing the results from Goodhead Group, the printer and publisher, it emerged that he has not drawn a penny in salary or expenses since he joined the company as a chairman in 1991. Then again, the rise in value of his sizable share stake must leave a warm glow.

LORD Cobbold, head of treasury and financial markets at TSB/Hill Samuel in the late 1980s, has been made a non-executive director of Close Brothers, the merchant bank.

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PowerGen lifts profit despite lower prices from distributors

Cheaper coal and greater efficiencies have allowed PowerGen, the smaller of the two main power generators, to lift profits despite lower sales for the summer half

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

POWERGEN delivered a £100 million cut in the price of electricity to regional power companies during the six months to September 30. It insists that privatisation is at last delivering real benefits for customers.

Despite the reduction, achieved through a combination of cheaper coal and greater efficiency, the company lifted interim profits to £108 million. The increase, achieved in the face of a 3 per cent fall in turnover, to £1.27 billion, was also helped by growing higher-margin direct sales to industrial and commercial customers.

Profits would have been substantially higher but for a shift in the pattern of payments for power by the regional companies. This will be reflected in a better second half. PowerGen is lifting the half-year dividend by 17.9 per cent, to 3.95p. This is in line with its policy of reducing dividend cover as the investment programme advances and regulatory risk is perceived to subside.

Convincing evidence of privatisation benefits should reduce the likelihood that Professor Stephen Littlechild will refer the generators to the monopolies commission when he completes a review next month. That would clear the way for the government to sell its remaining 40 per cent stakes in National Power and PowerGen, the two big generating companies in England and Wales, by next July.

PowerGen was valued yesterday at £3.65 billion and National Power at £5.2 billion, so about £3.54 billion could be raised for the Treasury. When the companies were floated in February 1991, the sale of 60 per cent raised £2.16 billion.

However, lower charges from the generators will intensify pressure for tougher price controls on the regional power companies. It is widely believed that the price formulae imposed on them at privatisation, in April 1990, were too lenient.

Sir Colin Southgate, PowerGen's chairman, said the benefits of core business cost savings "continue to be passed on" to both customers and shareholders.

PowerGen received 3p a unit for the power it sold during the first half, against an average of 3.45p in the same months of 1991. Sir Colin said prices to the regional distribution companies, which enjoy monopolies in the domestic market, were down 19 per cent in real terms since 1990; bulk power users had seen cuts of up to 35 per cent.

After charges for the transmission system were taken into account, final prices were 16 per cent lower on average than those in the year preceding privatisation. Ed Wallis, PowerGen's chief executive, said: "As a domestic customer, I would expect to see my bill 6 per cent lower if all that had been passed on."

PowerGen expects to see its share of electricity generation in England and Wales, which totalled 26.1 per in the first half, slip rapidly next year, as more independent gas-fired generating stations come on stream. The figure is expected to reach 22 per cent by 1997-8. By then, the company predicts, National Power will have been reduced to a 28 per cent share.

With negligible borrowings and strong cash flow in prospect, PowerGen is beginning to take up expansion opportunities overseas. A stake in a German power station has been agreed and talks are advanced on projects in China and Malaysia.

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JOHN MANNING



Market share of PowerGen, led by Ed Wallis, will fall as gas-fired stations start up

Lowndes record continues

By Sarah Bagnall, Insurance Correspondent

MORE than doubled brokerage income coupled with a first-time contribution from an acquisition helped Lowndes Lambert, the United Kingdom's seventh largest broker, announce a 24 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September increased from £4.2 million to £5.2 million, beating analysts' forecasts and triggering a 5p rise in the share price to 419p.

Turnover increased 15.5 per cent to £37.2 million and the dividend was lifted 11 per cent from 4.5p to 5p.

Richard Shaw, the chairman, said: "These results continue our record of uninterrupted profit growth through difficult market conditions. We expect further steady progress during the second half of the year."

Fuelling the growth was a more than doubling in broking profits from £1 million to £2.4 million, which were helped by increased business, rate increases and a tight control on expenses.

Mr Shaw said: "We are particularly pleased with the broking profits as there is very little, if any, currency profit included. It is all due to underlying growth and efficiency gains."

Norex Insurance Brokers, which was acquired in May, made a first-time contribution to profits of £600,000. This reflects four months of trading and was "marginally ahead of expectations," Mr Shaw said.

Interest receivable has remained constant at £1.8 million. Since the end of the six-month period, Lowndes Lambert has spent £1.1 million on acquiring a 20 per cent stake in Thibaut Colson de Nef, a Belgian insurance broker that is 76 per cent owned by Generale Bank.

Shares of BSG slide after warning

By Our City Staff

SHARES in BSG International, the automotive group, plunged 11¼p to 57¼p as the company warned shareholders that a further deterioration in continental European car production would hit this year's profits.

BSG estimates that for this year as a whole, production will be 20 per cent lower than in 1992. Overcapacity, falling car sales and the subsequent destocking had resulted in a "dramatic cutback in demand" for automotive component products from British and French subsidiaries since end-September.

A significant downturn in sales volumes and operating profits is expected to continue for the remainder of this year, the company believes. In addition, there has been continued margin pressure at LA Rumbold, the aircraft interior equipment company, which, although it shows a significant improvement over the first half year, has continued to operate at a loss.

BSG now believes profit before tax for the full year to end-December will be not less than £8.5 million, which compares with a figure of £7.4 million as restated under new accounting rules for last year.

The estimate for 1993 takes into account restructuring and redundancy costs of £950,000, all but £100,000 in the second half of the year. But BSG hopes to finalise shortly the sale and leaseback of two factories, which, if completed by the year-end, would result in an additional exceptional profit of about £2 million.

The group's finances were "well controlled" with gearing expected to be about 25 per cent at the year end, or 15 per cent if the property sale is completed, and the final dividend of 2.5p should be maintained.

While BSG does not expect the automotive components companies' sales to improve in 1994, they would benefit from the introduction of new products that have firm orders already, and from cost cutting.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Linguarama closures take heavy toll of BPP

BPP Holdings, the educational services business, saw its shares dive 105p to 200p, after the announced closure of its Linguarama operations in Japan and Belgium. The language training division is likely to report a trading loss of about £400,000 for the year to end-December (£857,000 profit). BPP also gave a warning of additional write-offs of properties by about £7.5 million.

Pre-tax profits before writedowns, should exceed £6.3 million. Final dividend is forecast at 5.8p, making 8.8p (8p).

Concentric advances

CONCENTRIC, the engineering components manufacturer, pushed pre-tax profits ahead from £8.25 million to £9.36 million in the year to end-September. The increase came on sales that rose just 3 per cent to £116.4 million. A final dividend of 4.09p makes a total increased from 5.59p to 5.86p. Tony Firth, chairman, said that Concentric was succeeding in winning market share although the year's trading had been one of unusual instability.

Osborne fights back

OSBORNE & Little, the wallpaper and furnishings group, celebrated its 25th anniversary by turning a loss of £802,000 into a pre-tax profit of £947,000 for the six months to September 30. Excluding a £1.2 million exceptional loss on the sale of Faradis, its French subsidiary, profits still rose by 66 per cent. British turnover rose 25 per cent and export sales were up 13 per cent, although most of the rise was attributable to exchange rates. The interim is 2.5p (2.0p).

Platignum soars

A FIRST-TIME contribution from acquisitions and the absence of exceptional charges boosted profits at Platignum, the fountain pen and stationery group, from £69,000 to £398,000 for the six months to September 30. Rob Campbell, chief executive, said he was pleased with the positive impact of Gluetek and Housley International, two acquisitions made this year. The interim dividend is raised from 0.25p to 0.28p, an increase of 12 per cent.

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Goodhead calls for £5.8m

By Susan Gilchrist

JOHN Madejski, chairman and chief executive of Goodhead Group, is putting up £5.5 million of his own money to return the troubled printer and publisher to a sound financial footing.

Goodhead, hit by recession, has launched a placing and open offer of 24 million new ordinary shares at 25p to raise £5.3 million. Mr Madejski, who became chief executive in May, has effectively agreed to underwrite the issue by accepting a placing participation of up to 17.3 million shares as well as his own entitlement of 4.6 million shares under the open offer, representing 91 per cent of the issue.

Mr Madejski's holding in the group could rise from 22 per cent to 59 per cent if there is a zero take-up by other shareholders. The takeover panel has waived its rule that would force Mr Madejski to make a full offer if his stake exceeds 30 per cent. Remaining shares will be taken up by 3i, an existing shareholder, and three directors.



Madejski: underwriter

The proceeds of the issue will be used to restore net assets, down from £14.3 million to £6.8 million, cut borrowings and fund capital spending.

The group reported a loss of £16.9 million for the year to May 31 (£335,000 profit). The loss includes a £10.3 million write-off against Wharfedale Convertors and Goodhead Direct, since sold, and Company Publicity, now up for sale. A further £4.3 million is the loss on disposals and closure of Chaucer Paper Company. Provisions of £2.3 million have been made against properties and other assets. Final dividend is 0.05p (0.5p).

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292	179	Allied Irish	266	...	...	3.9	13.6
216	130	Aust New Z	208	+4	...	4.3	∞
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	2837½	-50	...	...	...
295	177	Bk of Ireland	274 †	-1	...	4.6	20.2
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
199	116½	Bank Scotland	186	-2	4.6	3.1	26.3
589	362	Barclays	534	+6	...	2.8	...
4½	2	Benchmark	4½	...	...	...	...
22	15½	Carlisle	19½	-1½	...	...	...
595	395	Cater Allen	555	...	27.0	6.1	...
153	85	Cattles	139	...	...	4.0	18.5
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2200	-37½	...	...	...
2600	1343½	Citicorp	2343½	-56¼	...	...	...
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529	343	Gerrard Nat	450 †	...	21.5	6.0	12.0
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785	474	HSBC HK	745	+11	20.0	3.4	17.8
403	243	Hambros	351 †	...	14.3	5.1	16.2
428	313	Joseph (L)	418	...	16.6	5.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	142	...	9.0	7.9	...
530	312	Kleinwort Ben	497	-1	16.7	4.2	17.2
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190	78	Union Disc	169	...	...	...	...
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299	189	Boddington	251	-1	7.5	3.8	14.6
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	426	-4	...	3.0	18.6
184	129	Burtonwood Brw	175 †	-1	4.7	3.4	14.6
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'	123	...	...	3.4	32.5
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	65	+1	...	4.0	∞
435	339	Fullr Sm 'A'	408	...	...	2.3	17.5
480	377	Grand Met	378	-7	12.5	4.2	12.5
427	347	Greenalls Grp	368	-1	12.0	4.1	12.3
575	505	Greene King	549	...	...	2.8	15.5
521	388	Guinness	433	...	...	3.5	16.2
281	230	Hardy Hansn	245	...	7.8	4.0	13.6
138	105	Heavitree	138	...	3.0	2.8	32.9
353	255	Highland Distl	318	+2	...	2.6	15.6
3138	2538	Holt J	3100	...	42.0	1.7	20.2
90	33	Hoskins Brew	69	...	...	...	49.7
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	118	-1	4.3	4.6	26.5
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225	164	Mansfield	199	...	...	2.5	13.5
299	231	Mrstn Thmp	272	...	...	2.6	16.3
540	288½	Matthew Clark	538	-1	...	4.2	17.9
300	215	Merydwn W	218	...	7.0	4.0	17.2
545	455	Morland	518	...	8.7	2.1	20.8
12	6½	Paramount	8	...	...	2.1	∞
199	145	Regent Inns	189	+1	...	3.0	19.2
1169	753	SA Breweries	1075	-24	...	2.5	18.1
482	393	Scot & New	465	-4	...	4.5	14.5
225	175	Taunton Cider	175	-4	6.0	4.3	14.3
369	213	Vaux Group	260	...	9.3	4.5	17.9
357	325	Wetherspoon JD	334	...	...	2.0	25.9
574½	435	Whitbread 'A'	516	+2	...	4.4	12.3
1425	850	-do- 'B'	1138	...	...	2.0	27.2
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	478	+2	11.8	3.1	13.4
515	475	Young 'A'	480	...	14.7	3.9	19.6

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
135	73	Abbey	135	...	...	1.7	22.2
25½	12½	Albrighton	19	...	...	...	...
148	87	Allen	141	...	...	4.5	31.6
120	65	Amec	107	-1	3.0	3.5	19.8
12	4	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
326	150	Ashtead	304	...	...	1.9	32.2
143	101	Attwoods	137	...	...	4.7	...
276	180	BPB Ind	267	+4	...	3.5	65.9
91	57	Baggeridge Brk	91	...	3.1	4.3	30.6
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.6	2.9	...
108	74	Barcom	83	...	1.2	1.9	15.1
56½	32½	Bardon	40	+1	2.0	6.3	19.7
195	94	Barratt Devs	178	...	4.0	2.8	∞
460	305	Bellway	449	...	12.0	3.4	∞
43	15	Bellwinch	38	...	...	...	...
449	285½	Berkeley Gp	428	-1	...	1.8	26.8
116	45	Bett Bros	101	...	2.0	2.5	∞
63	36	Blockleys	51	...	1.0	2.5	56.3
319	189	Blue Circle	317	+2	...	4.4	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	273	...	6.0	2.7	15.3
106	78	Breedon PLC	87	...	4.6	6.6	21.4
125	82	Br Dredging	125	...	5.2	5.2	27.7
86	45	Brit Fittings	81	...	1.7	2.7	...
151	99	Bryant	142	...	...	4.2	28.7
121	53	CALA	116	...	...	2.5	...
328	200	CRH	313	-1	...	2.7	17.2
43	18	Cakebread Rby	30	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	27½	-1	...	...	...
150	86½	Countryside	143	...	...	3.6	37.8
98½	38	Crest Nicholson	94	...	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	91	+4	...	1.4	...
7½	1½	Dunton	4½	+½	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	18½	...	0.3	2.0	...
284	178	Epwin	284	+11	7.0	3.1	24.0
59	32	Erith	54	...	0.3	0.8	...
506	252	Eve Group	503	...	...	2.5	18.2
6½	3	Explaura	3½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	131	...	...	4.8	20.8
50	38	Galliford	38	...	1.0	3.3	∞
81	52	Gibbs & Dandy	80	...	...	3.1	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	∞
164	90	Hewden-Stuart	154	+2	...	2.7	27.5
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	33.6
358	186	Heywd Wim	337	-5	12.5	4.6	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	108	...	2.5	2.9	...
38	26	How Gp	27	...	...	5.2	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	66	...	1.0	1.9	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	13	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	286	...	9.0	3.9	11.4
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	117½	...	...	6.8	...
110	55	Ln Clydeside	110	...	4.5	5.1	41.4
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	15½	...	...	...	7.0
350	240	Manders	307	...	9.3	3.8	18.8
172	93	Marley	171	...	4.2	3.1	50.2
125	61	Marshalls	118	...	...	4.3	...
190	122	Maunders (J)	190	...	5.1	3.4	∞
217	96	McAlpine (A)	201	...	6.5	4.0	34.8
47	23	McCarthy & S	39	...	0.5	1.6	...
458	272	Meyer Int	452½	+½	...	2.8	44.9
129	62	Mowlem (J)	120	...	4.0	4.2	...
165	51	NSM	159	-2	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
171	105	Newman Tnks	150	+1	...	5.6	20.0
300	197	Persimmon	276	-2	8.6	3.9	28.2
26	10	Phoenix Timber	10	...	...	...	...
1725	1237½	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	21.8
163	80	Prowting	148 †	...	3.4	2.9	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti	1½	...	...	...	...
852	555	RMC Gp	852	+4	...	2.9	32.0
117	75½	Raine Ind	77	...	...	4.9	18.2
36	18	Ransom	20	...	...	...	...
575	402	Redland	541	-3	25.0	5.8	31.5
86	64	Roskel	80	-2	4.3	6.7	11.8
296	207	Rugby Group	288	+4	6.4	2.8	22.1
68	23	Ruffd-Ryes	66	...	...	0.5	...
161	68	Sharpe & Fisher	161	...	...	3.1	28.0
241	86½	Sheffield Insl	230	...	...	2.9	56.4
175	82	Sheriff Hldgs	173	...	...	1.6	25.8
95	66	Sporco	93	...	...	7.0	21.1
240	196	Smart (J)	222 †	...	8.5	4.8	∞
6½	2½	Starmin	2½	-½	...	...	...
156	100	Tarmac	134	+2	5.5	5.1	...
194	137	Tay Homes	174	-1	...	4.2	20.6
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	117	+2	1.0	1.1	...
633	433	Tilbury Dougls	588	...	33.0	7.0	19.1
39	19	Torex Hire	35	...	...	1.4	...
288	168	Travis Perkins	284	-1	8.0	3.5	50.0
40	25	Try Group	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.4
28	21	Tudor	21	...	...	1.5	...
99	41	Vibroplant	80	...	2.5	3.7	30.5
65	20	Ward Hldgs	33	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	427	...	...	3.5	18.4
21½	6½	Wescol	19	...	...	...	...
174	90	Westbury	166 †	...	5.0	3.8	25.9
12	4½	West Staffold	7	...	...	...	...
4½	3	Wiggins	3½	...	...	...	...
457½	362	Wilson Bowdn	415	...	...	2.7	29.2
205	147	Wilson (C)	180	...	3.9	2.7	31.2
194	104	Wimpey G	172	+1	...	3.8	...
47	25	YRM	31	-1	0.5	2.0	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	580	-2	...	...	...
248	198	Adam & Harvey	243 †	...	13.0	6.7	4.5
92	56	Air London	61	...	...	7.2	10.9
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
178	93	Auto Sec	130	...	...	5.9	23.3
138	84	BET Ord	128½	+½	...	2.2	5.2
113	41	BNB Res	113	...	4.9	5.4	...
318	183	BPP	215	-80	8.3	4.8	11.9
285	195	Barbour Index	245	...	8.0	4.1	16.7
28	15	Boustead	24	...	0.7	3.7	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	230	-2	4.7	2.6	16.8
26	11	Broadcastle	25	...	...	1.3	19.9
73	54	Brooks Service	59	...	...	1.1	...
109	86	CRT Gp	87	-4	...	4.0	15.4
193	139½	Capita Group	186	...	...	1.5	28.0
45½	31	Casket Plc	39	-½	...	2.9	14.8
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	48	...	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	354	-3	...	1.7	22.0
100	90	Comeca	96	+1	...	2.0	25.1
37	6½	Corp Services	36	...	...	...	...
91	20	Coutts Cnslig	82	-1	...	...	...
137	50	Dart	133	...	3.3	3.1	18.0
256	198	Davis Service	212	-2	...	4.7	16.0
104	85	EW Facs	104 #	...	4.4	5.5	11.7
32	11	Gardiner	27½	...	0.4	1.9	19.1
277	215	Hays	255	+4	5.3	2.6	∞
248	174	Hogg Robinson	228	...	...	3.7	16.4
70	34	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	2.4
284	127	Hutch Whamp	282	-18	...	1.7	23.6
2175	975	ISS B DKr	2062½	...	...	1.0	14.2
637	475	Inchcape	502	-7	...	3.5	16.4
875	669	Johnson Clean	863	-2	25.7	3.7	18.8
12	2½	Lep	8	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mitie Gp	275	...	3.5	1.6	21.4
1187	893	Manpower	1125	...	1.8	3.8	25.3
62	40½	Michael Page	59½	...	...	8.4	4.5
279	120	Penna	120	...	...	...	...
4½	2	Prime People	3½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Provident Alex	65	...	...	29.8	3.5
423	337	RCO	388	...	14.1	4.6	13.3
118	86	REA	97	...	2.0	2.6	...
108	43	Reed Executive	97	...	...	...	...
156	108	Reliance Sec	110	...	...	5.1	23.9
234	178	Rentokil	202	...	2.5	1.6	25.2
383	220	Rolfe & Nolan	280	...	...	3.2	15.8
399	334	Salvesen (C)	342	-1	...	2.9	18.8
39	26	Stott Pickford	35	...	...	2.9	11.2
10	5	Select Appt	7½	...	...	...	...
1228	695	Serco Gp	1228	+5	13.3	1.4	34.0
352	83	Sherwd Cmpt	94	...	...	9.3	2.7
130	90	Sketchley	104	...	...	3.6	23.6
355	310	Warner Howrd	330 †	...	6.6	2.5	17.2
45	27	Welpac	28	...	...	...	...
28	14	Wills Gp	26½	...	0.4	1.9	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
348	310	Allied Colloids	324	-1	...	2.4	19.7
957	613	Amersham	939 †	-2	...	1.9	32.5
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£112	8325	BASF DM	£104	-59½	...	0.4	...
300	199	BTP	273	...	...	4.3	18.8
£130½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£126½	+21½	...	4.3	...
178	118	Blagden	134	...	6.5	6.1	14.4
165	93	Brent Chems	114	...	...	8.1	10.4
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	381	-3	...	...	...
29	6½	Caird Gp	6½	...	...	22.2	18.1
180	126	Canning (W)	146	-4	7.2	6.2	16.7
608	421	Courtaulds	428	+5	...	4.2	10.6
341	228	Croda	341	+2	...	2.9	19.6
149	121	Dorflex	122	...	4.6	4.7	9.4
226	175	Ellis & Everard	207	-3	...	4.3	19.8
42½	15½	Euro Colour	36½	...	0.8	3.0	17.5
344	259	Halstead (J)	343	...	...	2.4	17.0
241	150	Hickson	155	...	...	6.5	14.4
£118	8650	Hoechst	£109	-62½	...	3.3	...
229	173	Holliday Chem	174	...	...	2.7	16.0
740½	608	ICI	674	-1	...	5.1	...
695	576	Laporte	648	-6	19.0	3.8	17.9
230	181	Leigh	199	-4	...	4.9	19.2
97½	35	NTM	48½	...	...	...	...
2050	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2000	-21½	...	1.4	28.5
464	370	Paterson Zoch	450	...	...	3.5	15.2
430	360	-do- 'A'	405	...	...	3.0	13.7
236	199	Plysu	205	...	...	4.3	13.4
303	173	Porvair	298	...	3.8	1.6	31.9
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	47	...	...	...	...
465	412	Wardle Storeys	418 †	...	...	5.2	19.3
540	395	Wistnhlme R	538	...	17.0	3.9	18.4
425	330	Yorks Chem	393	...	...	2.5	21.0
300	233	Yule Catto	265	...	...	2.8	16.5
799	593	Zeneca	749	-16	...	4.6	44.2

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	69½	...	...	5.4	...
87	42	Amber Day	55 †	-1	1.3	3.1	∞
358	257	Argos Plc	334	+1	...	2.7	28.5
25	9½	Ashley Group	10	...	...	2.3	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	86	...	0.1	0.1	...
330	278	Asprey	311	-5	5.1	2.0	21.6
194	94	Austin Reed	147	...	...	2.1	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	-3	...	3.2	14.0
121	94	Bentalls	100	...	1.0	2.4	...
278	142½	Betterware	153 †	+8	...	1.8	18.3
47	22	Blacks Leis	43	...	2.2	6.7	...
227	133	Body Shop	204	...	...	1.1	26.3
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	11½	-½	...	0.9	6.1
434	318	Brown (N)	416	-2	...	2.2	24.4
87½	64	Burton	64	-2	2.0	4.0	∞
170	126	Castors	170	...	4.0	2.9	∞
360	295	Church	335	...	12.5	4.7	29.8
183	97	Clinton Cards	151	...	4.3	3.6	18.2
280½	212	Coats Viyella	260	...	...	3.6	35.9
112	78	Colourvision	88	...	5.6	8.0	15.8
181	154	Ctry Casuals	158	...	...	3.3	14.7
830	374	Courts Furnish	823	...	5.5	0.8	10.3
155	115	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	8.5	9.2
130	80	Dairy Farm Intl	117	+1	...	3.1	17.2
91	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	89½	...	0.8	1.1	28.7
285	189	Dixons Grp	265	-5	...	2.9	...
21	8	ERA Gp	11	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	145	-3	...	3.0	∞
273	203	Etam	224	...	7.0	3.9	20.4
608	499	Fine Art Dev	535	...	12.7	3.0	17.5
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
588	498	Forminster	585	...	14.0	3.0	10.6
180	24	French Conn	125	-1	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	71	...	2.1	3.7	∞
78	23	Goldsmiths Gp	74	...	0.3	0.5	...
579	334	GUS	555	-6	...	2.5	17.8
40	23	Hampden Grp	23	...	...	5.4	11.4
277	30	Harstone	49	-½	...	7.1	...
27½	20	Helene Plc	26	...	2.0	9.7	12.3
75	29	Heritage	75	...	...	...	...
79	35	Honeysuckle	73	...	...	3.0	∞
161	63	Jacques Vert	156	...	...	2.4	12.0
691	496	Kingfisher	654	-13	...	2.7	22.5
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	71	...	4.0	7.0	14.6
685	495	Liberty	565	...	7.2	1.6	66.5
320	241	Lloyds Chem	297	-2	7.2	3.1	∞
152	120	MFI	138	-2	...	3.4	29.0
413½	311	Marks Spencer	404 †	-3	...	2.6	20.6
580	445	Menzies (John)	559	...	...	2.4	15.8
253	135	Moss Bros	227	...	5.5	3.0	26.7
212	139½	Next	183 †	-½	3.5	2.4	21.8
41	15	Oliver (G)	39	...	...	...	...
324	197	Oriflame Intl	302	...	...	4.0	14.8
63	36	Pentos	36	...	0.8	2.8	7.5
313	185	QS Hldgs	190	...	5.1	3.4	13.5
69½	20½	Rhino Grp	54 †	-2	...	...	...
170	120	Rosebys	170	...	...	3.6	20.4
181	135	Sherwood Gp	144	...	...	2.3	13.0
120½	93	Sears	118	-1	...	3.7	...
41½	11	Signet Group	23	-1	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	460	+3	...	3.9	15.1
20	4½	Specialeyes	18	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	197	...	...	3.2	19.2
191	148	T & S Stores	150	...	6.0	5.0	11.2
162	71	Tie Rack	134	-2½	1.0	0.9	21.9
239	160	Time Products	227	-1	7.7	4.3	19.3
128	63	Usher (Frank)	105	...	...	7.1	9.1
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
48	34	Wensum	42 †	...	...	3.6	...
119	76	Wickes	115 †	...	...	0.2	52.3
78	45	Wld of Leather	62	...	...	...	...
192½	142	Wyevale	164	...	...	3.3	21.7
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	159 †	-1	...	3.9	16.0
253	223	Acal	253	...	...	3.1	17.6
162½	38	Acorn Comp	91	...	...	...	46.1
480	385	Admiral	469	...	5.7	1.5	19.8
170	104	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	20.3
50	19½	Alphameric	39½	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	45	+½	0.5	1.4	∞
128	61	App Holo	69	+4	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	37	...	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	70½	...	...	0.4	...
293	243	Bealles Hunter	243	...	...	4.8	15.0
9	2	Bennett & Fount	2½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	387	-3	19.2	6.2	79.6
558	408	Blick	449	-3	...	2.8	18.0
1700	925	Borland	1200	...	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	343 †	+4	6.4	2.4	22.4
478½	376	BT	454	-3½	...	4.5	17.3
228½	150	BT P/P	204	-1½	...	4.4	21.6
18½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16	...	0.1	0.8	...
160	86	Burnfield	86	...	5.7	8.4	13.6
509	334½	Cable Wireless	466	+6	...	2.1	24.2
27½	11½	Chloride	21½	-½	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro	270	...	...	2.2	19.6
115	74	Comptr People	110	...	...	...	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	147	...	...	1.3	15.1
433	243	Critchley	417	+4	...	1.5	23.8
554	414	Delta	477	+2	...	3.7	19.9
423	205	Denmans El	420	...	...	1.8	17.9
620	395	Domino	429	...	7.4	2.2	14.7
65	48	Dowding Mills	62	...	...	5.0	26.6
1200	865	Druck	1200	...	10.0	1.0	25.6
469	358	Electrocomponts	450 †	+9	...	2.3	18.3
710	470	El Data Prc	683	-2	5.1	0.9	18.7
146	43	Electron House	131	...	2.6	2.5	28.7
30½	10½	Emess	21½	...	0.1	0.6	...
632	442	Eurotherm	629	...	8.5	1.7	28.6
187½	108	FKI	181	...	...	2.3	26.3
509	340	Farnell Elect	507	...	...	1.6	26.8
91	33	Feedback	77	...	...	2.4	10.0
18	1	Ferranti	1	...	...	...	...
280	101	First Tech	258	...	...	0.5	21.5
270	81	Forward Gp	236	+8	...	2.1	21.2
22½	13½	Forward Tech	14½	...	...	...	...
367½	284	GEC	334½	+1½	10.3	3.8	16.8
199	132	Gaseby	153	...	...	8.9	32.2
14	7½	Graystone	10½ †	...	...	...	...
53	36	Hilclare	42	...	...	1.3	...
169	83	INSTEM	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
169	118	Ind Control	150	...	4.4	3.7	∞
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
88	26	Kalamazoo	85	...	2.1	3.1	19.7
19	8	Kembrey	13	...	0.1	1.5	...
349	260	Kenwood App	321	-4	...	3.1	17.8
265	47	Kewill Sys	253	-7	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
60	16	Laser-Scan	25	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	223	-2	...	0.4	31.4
300	205	Lec Refrig	265	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	129	Life Sciences	134	...	3.7	3.5	14.5
285	164	Logica	258	-4	...	1.9	29.7
55	44	LPA Ind	52	...	...	8.5	14.7
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	209	-2	...	3.1	19.6
718	523	Macro 4	673	...	...	3.3	20.5
243	175½	Memrer-Swe	215	...	...	2.1	19.0
3013	1258	Micro Focus	1348	...	...	...	12.4
227	147	Microgen	153	...	7.2	5.9	10.4
39½	23½	Microvitec	30½	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	520	...	...	1.7	19.0
584	96	Mitel	377	-3	...	...	...
153	108	MMT Compt	153	...	...	3.3	20.5
50½	26	Molynx	47	+3½	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Inst	251	-1	...	1.8	18.9
165	103	Molstone Elect	140	...	3.5	3.1	35.4
240	116	Murray Elecr	234	...	...	2.1	...
3209½	2612½	NYNEX	2737½	...	...	...	...
188	128	Neotronics	130	...	2.6	2.5	16.8
65	42	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
277	58	Norbain	269	...	...	0.7	20.7
75	20	Northamber	64½	...	0.6	1.2	...
15½	7½	Oceonics	8½	...	...	...	...
287	195	Oxford Inst	284	...	4.6	2.0	19.4
83	48	P-E Internl	73	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	62	...	1.5	3.0	32.9
80	55	Peek	76	...	3.4	5.6	19.8
227	115	Pegasus	214	...	...	3.7	54.9
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1437½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1312½	-25	...	...	...
313	211	Phonelink	278	...	...	...	...
250	171½	Pifco	273	...	...	1.9	22.9
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	263	...	...	2.0	22.0
96	63	Plasmec	73	...	...	5.1	6.2
120	76	Pressac	105	...	...	3.1	22.3
188	81	Psion	187	...	...	1.7	49.7
261	160	Racal Elect	185½	-1½	4.2	2.9	11.0
70	43	Radamec	43	...	...	4.4	9.2
70	31	Radius	35	...	2.2	8.0	12.1
92	61	Real Time	70	...	...	5.4	14.4
35	18	Riva	27	...	...	...	34.2
629	367	Sage Gp	432	...	9.3	2.7	13.8
348	222	Sanderson Elec	304	...	9.9	4.1	13.0
88	49	Scantronic	75	...	3.1	5.2	18.9
181	117	Scholes Grp	164	-1	...	3.8	21.2
375	220	Sema Gp	321	...	2.9	1.1	26.0
42	26	Silvermines	40	...	...	2.9	...
51	37	Soundtracks	51	...	...	5.6	17.2
2675	1737½	TDK	2250	-25	...	1.4	25.5
27	4½	TDS Circuits	11½	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	145	-1	0.8	0.7	23.9
1017	809	THORN EMI	895	-19	...	4.5	30.5
152	96	Thorpe FW	123	-2	...	2.7	14.3
103	43	Total Systems	43	...	3.0	8.7	7.6
575	372	Tunstall	565	...	5.7	1.3	22.6
295	164	Unitech	250	+6	...	3.0	59.2
11½	6	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
35	22½	Vistec	24	+½	...	2.0	13.8
585	367	Vodafone	515	-12	...	1.9	22.2
473	398	Volex	403	...	18.1	5.7	16.3
26	11	Western Selectn	19	...	...	...	...
280	223	Wholesale Ftgs	268	...	11.7	5.5	28.5

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	389	East Midlands	560	-15	...	4.4	10.5
622	399	Eastern Elect	580	-13	...	4.1	11.8
419	304	Hydro-Elect	398	-5	...	3.6	14.4
618	404	London Elect	586	-14	...	4.2	13.0
673	458	Manweb	648	-12	...	4.1	9.4
649	424½	Midlands Elec	607	-15	...	4.1	10.9
421	273	National Powr	399 †	-8	...	3.5	9.9
666	440	Northern Elec	627	-14	...	4.3	9.0
206	100	Nthn Ireland	194	-5	...	4.0	10.5
672	499	Norweb	640	-23	20.0	3.9	9.9
476½	273	PowerGen	457	-9	...	3.1	12.0
420	285	Scottish Power	409	-5	...	3.4	15.2
681	436	Seeboard	635	-16	...	3.9	10.2
681	469	Sth Wales	648	-9	...	4.3	10.8
626	436	Sth Western	604	-12	...	4.1	9.6
642	406	Southern Elec	609	-15	...	4.0	11.2
647	455	Yorkshire Elec	620	-10	...	4.1	11.7

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	30	Aitken Hume	55	...	1.0	2.3	11.7
133	47	BWD	125	...	...	3.4	19.5
101	26	Baltic Plc	101	...	...	1.2	...
568	413	Caledonia	568	-33	...	3.4	20.9
1800	1075	Carnellia	1800	...	...	2.1	6.7
318	243	Candover	300	...	10.4	4.4	21.2
290	71	Fleasach	277	-13	...	0.2	...
352	155	Govett	330	-1	...	5.0	9.7
188	125	Ivory Sime	155	+3	...	5.2	14.6
6½	3	IJT	5	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Portfolio	226	...	8.7	4.8	16.6
74	47	Manakin	74	...	5.0	8.4	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	8½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
341	240	Rathbone Bro	305	-8	6.5	2.7	18.5
26	17	Rothsnd Tst	23½	...	...	4.3	14.0
340	253	S & U	304	...	10.2	4.2	11.3
83	48	Singer & Fried	79	-1	...	4.7	...
1038	713	Sotheby's	999 †	...	...	3.6	...
126	114	SP Capital	116	...	3.0	3.2	47.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2538½	1487½	Amer Express	2031½	+6½	...	...	...
1133	835	Henderson Ad	960	-3	...	5.5	21.8
200	92	Invesco	152	+1	...	2.5	...
292	164	Jardine Strat	261	...	...	3.0	10.9
236	154	MAI	225	+1	...	3.8	14.2
728	389	MAM	624 †	-3	16.0	3.2	15.6
1005	633	M & G	928	-5	...	2.9	24.7
408	109	Smith New Ct	368	...	...	2.0	5.6
81	45	Trio Hldgs	49	-1	...	7.7	...

FOODS

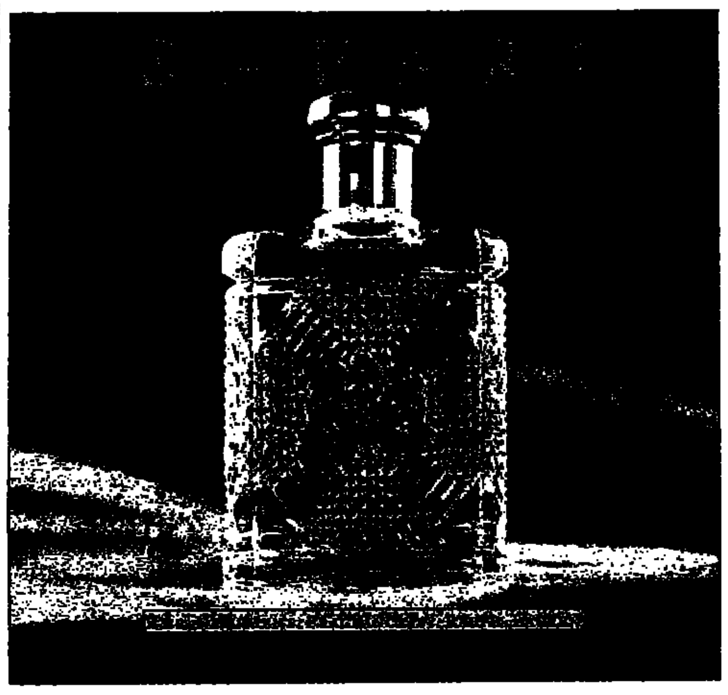
High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536½	456	AB Food	500	...	...	3.8	10.2
77½	49	ASDA Group	52½	+1	1.6	3.8	12.6
320	170	Acatos & Hutch	316	...	7.6	3.0	18.2
80	55	Albert Fisher	60	...	3.7	7.8	∞
407	346	Argyll	362	-4	...	5.2	9.7
230	160	Banks (S C)	225	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
402	305	Barr (AG)	305	...	6.5	2.7	15.4
85	57	Bensons Crsps	62	...	...	5.7	13.9
141	100	Beresford Intl	100	...	...	...	...
455	367	Booker	402	-1	...	6.8	34.9
52	35	Borthwick	49½	...	...	3.0	61.5
505	430	Brake Bros	478 †	-5	6.3	1.7	19.9
51	38	Budgen	40	...	...	3.1	12.1
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	445	-2	...	3.8	15.7
143	78	Carrs Milling	129	...	3.9	3.8	25.8
196	133	Cranswick	145	...	...	6.9	10.9
22	8½	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
384	119	Dalepak	138	...	6.0	5.4	10.9
521	424	Dalgety	461	+2	...	5.6	13.2
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
248	191	Devro	243	...	...	2.8	23.1
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
383	289	Farepak	369	...	5.7	1.9	22.7
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	73 †	...	...	7.1	24.2
125	78	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.4	18.0
483	328	Geest	328 †	-2	8.1	3.1	14.8
16	7	Global	14	...	...	4.5	21.8
49	43	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
203	144	Hazlewood Fds	148	-4	...	5.4	8.3
175	131	Hillsdown	149	-3	8.8	7.4	11.7
250	160	Iceland Group	169	-1	...	2.6	10.7
131	100	JLI Group	100	...	...	5.8	11.1
853	568	Kwik Save	573	-9	18.3	4.1	∞
262	144	Low (Wm)	151	...	8.4	7.2	∞
83	41	Matthews (B)	73	-1	2.3	4.0	47.8
19½	11	Merchant Retail	11	...	0.9	11.0	22.1
174	84	Morrison (W)	89	-1	...	1.2	11.6
233	177	Nichols (JN)	227	-1	5.5	3.1	16.4
291	220	Nthn Foods	227	+2	...	4.8	10.9
20½	9½	Nthmbrn Fn	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	180	...	...	4.3	10.0
251	205	Park Foods	240	+2	...	3.1	18.5
115	78	Perkins Food	80	...	...	7.0	9.2
174	47	PizzaExpress	100	...	...	0.6	21.1
	1½	Regina Hlth	4	...	...	...	...
584	360	Sainsbury J	391	+5	...	3.3	13.6
86	53	Senny Farms	73	...	...	2.6	13.1
225	94	Stms Food	208	...	...	8.7	20.8
439	335½	Tate & Lyle	395	+9	...	4.2	∞
273	176	Tesco	194½	+1	...	4.7	8.8
211	123	Thorntons	165	-1	...	2.8	...
183	101	Treats	147	-1½	...	3.2	16.8
410	300	Unigate	348	-2	...	6.0	11.2
437	326	Utd Biscuits	337	+3	...	5.7	20.9
24½	18½	Usborne	21½	...	...	3.1	15.9
337	248	Watson & Phil	287	...	13.2	5.7	13.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk Hs	26	...	...	...	...
93½	77	City Centre Rest	83	-1	1.5	2.4	20.0
250	170	Forte	231	...	...	4.1	18.1
215	148	Friendly Hotels	152	...	...	4.7	29.6
11½	5	Harmony Leis	9½	+½	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	125 †	+1	...	5.1	10.1
222½	149	Ladbroke	160	-½	11.1	8.7	13.7
85	59	Mandarin Orntl	78	+2	...	4.3	19.3
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	...	3.7	...
99	83	-do- 7½% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels	18½	...	...	6.4	...
853	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	798	...	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	59	...	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	36	...	...	...	2.2
616	455	AAH	495	-4	...	4.4	15.9
185	123	AIM	143	-30	7.5	6.6	8.7
132	88	APV	101	...	...	6.7	...
238	81	ASW	145	-1	...	5.2	...
186½	118	Adwest	154	-4	...	5.8	14.8
29	10	Aerospace Eng	19	...	...	4.9	25.0
281	249	Airsprung	274	...	...	2.1	17.5
184	113	Alenda W	174	+3	4.1	2.9	27.5
13½	6½	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	283	...	...	2.6	16.7
48	17	Alvis	36	...	1.0	3.5	7.4
610	345	Amber Ind	610	+10	...	3.9	13.8
56	45	Amberley Gp	46	...	...	2.7	...
107	75	Anagen	81	-1	...	...	...
145	75	Andrews Sykes	84	...	...	6.5	...
1005	705	Antofagasta	910	...	...	2.2	16.8
54½	37	Armour	46	...	...	4.4	10.9
170	143	Ash & Lacy	153	...	6.4	5.2	15.6
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	2½	...	...	2.3	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	496	-2	...	4.2	19.8
265	168	Assoc Nursg	255	...	...	0.5	15.6
687½	508	Atlas Equip	508	-10	...	5.4	12.8
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	68	-2	...	...	...
188	147	BBA	185	...	...	5.1	15.7
88	28	BLP Group	88	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	22½	+2½	3.4	19.1	0.9
770	590	BOC	818	+1	...	4.8	14.3
79½	30	BSG	58½	-12½	...	7.1	19.6
490	353	BSS Group	484	...	...	4.5	29.0
409½	318	BTR	344	-4½	...	4.0	19.2
221	153	BWI	154 †	...	...	5.4	14.3
50	25½	Babcock	27½	+2	...	5.0	16.4
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	259	...	8.9	4.4	17.7
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	681½	...	...	4.8	∞
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	60	...	...	3.7	24.6
15	4	Beaufort	4½	...	...	...	...
10	2½	Beckenham	2½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	31	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16	...	...	2.3	12.1
707	280	Bespak	308	-7	10.0	4.1	9.6
133	55	Bibby (J)	55	...	2.0	4.5	∞
312	129	Billam (J)	258	...	5.3	2.6	13.0
41	21½	Blagden Bussen	28	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	3½	...	...	...	...
220	118½	Birkby	219	+1	3.5	2.0	20.7
45	29	Black Arrow	29	...	2.1	9.2	8.9
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
253	136	Black (Peter)	243	...	3.7	1.9	21.4
575	129	Bluebird Toys	563	+23	...	1.0	17.2
322	230	Bodycote	236 †	-20	...	2.7	15.1
40	23	Bogod 'A'	30	...	0.7	2.9	11.2
563	416	Boots	530 †	-2	...	3.3	20.5
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	402	Bowater	435	-3	...	3.4	18.2
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1336	...	...	...	...
279	199	Boxmore Intl	273	...	...	1.7	20.4
19	12½	Brasway	14	...	...	4.6	...
303	204	Brammer	290	...	13.0	5.6	21.6
27	12	Bridgend Gp	21	...	0.4	...	...
125	64	Bridon	125 †	...	...	4.0	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	70	...	2.5	4.5	∞
48	31	Brierley Inv	43	-1	...	7.8	∞
308	205	Br Bldg & Eng	205	-15	8.0	4.9	∞
82	42	Br Bloodstock	78	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	418	-2	...	3.1	15.0
131½	54	Br Steel	116	...	...	1.6	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
185	115	Br Thornton	159	...	...	2.0	17.4
268	215	Br Vita	236	-4	7.3	3.9	14.5
15½	5½	Britton Grp	13½	...	...	1.6	...
805	555	Broken Hill	760	+4	...	2.3	35.8
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	92	...	...	6.0	12.0
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	40	Brown & Tawse	40	-2	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	124	...	6.0	6.1	21.2
24	11½	Business Techs	17½	-½	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	14	...	0.5	5.3	13.1
42	11	Campbll & Arm	34	-3	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	31½	+½	...	...	...
260	205	Cape	260	...	...	5.0	17.6
343	254	Caradon	333	+1	...	3.3	26.9
169½	128	-do- pf	164½	-½	7.2	5.5	...
253	178	Carclo Eng	253	...	8.6	4.2	18.0
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2150	-5	...	2.9	∞
78	44	Cassidy Bros	78	...	...	3.8	12.8
213	158	Castings	198	...	4.3	2.7	14.0
71	53	Cathay Intl	54	-2	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	185 †	...	0.5	4.4	11.6
753	605	Charter	730	...	...	3.8	17.2
345	220	Chemring	325	...	...	3.2	19.6
92	45	Chieftain Gp	50	...	4.5	11.3	10.7
45½	15½	Chillington	36	...	1.0	3.5	...
215	144	Christies Int	207	-2	...	0.9	51.4
65	34	Claybithe	65	...	...	4.8	...
95	55	Clayton Son	55	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7 #	...	...	...	...
405	295	Cohen (A)	403	...	3.4	1.1	...
241	179	Community H	228	-3	...	3.8	15.6
246	186½	Concentric	204	-2	5.8	3.7	∞
388	120	Cook (Wm)	341 †	-1	6.0	3.1	14.6
233	182	Cookson	201	-2	...	3.7	29.6
76	38	Copymore	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
238	130	Crowil Pkr 'A'	159	...	...	4.5	21.5
178	92	Cosalt	118	-3	5.3	5.9	∞
224	150	Creighton Nt	205	...	...	4.5	14.7
48	27	CrestaCare	30	...	0.6	2.7	26.0
3956½	2903½	Dana	3700	+62½	...	...	...
313	78½	Danka Bs Sys	280	...	...	0.7	26.5
243	193	David Brown	215	...	...	3.5	15.2
22	5	Davies (DY)	18	...	...	...	...
802	632	De La Rue	794	-5	...	3.0	20.9
30	16	Dinkie Heel	29	...	1.1	4.8	22.7
574	391	Diploma	559	...	12.0	2.7	∞
85	50	Dobson Park	85	+1	5.0	7.4	15.3
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	109	...	5.0	5.7	20.1
83	57	-do- 'A'	72	...	5.0	8.7	13.2
16½	8	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	403 †	-1	...	3.7	16.0
28	19	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
50	19	Elco	48	...	...	...	0.00
2537½	1790	Electrolux 'B'	2350	-62½	...	2.2	...
73	43	Elliott (B)	67	...	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	409	-5	...	6.1	23.8
140	111	Environmed	135	...	...	...	58.0
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2700	-46½	...	1.1	...
77	32	Eurocopy	54	...	1.0	2.3	21.0
87	47	Expamet	63	...	...	4.8	3.5
717	499	Fairey Group	674	...	10.7	2.0	20.8
121	47	Fenner	118	...	...	...	...
75	32	Ferraris Group	72	...	3.0	3.5	∞
1½	½	Ferromet	1½	...	...	...	...
20	15	Ferrum	15	...	1.4	11.7	10.5
61	28	Fife Indmar	61	...	0.7	1.5	...
251	138	Fisons	140 †	+½	...	7.8	13.0
53	29	Fitzwilton	53	...	...	8.6	...
288	215	Flogas	253	...	...	3.9	11.6
43	33	Folkes Group nv	33	...	1.5	5.7	18.7
86	56	French (Thomas)	86	...	3.6	5.3	45.1
234	162	Frost Group	212	...	...	2.6	27.5
88	71	GEI Intl	85	...	...	7.3	...
513	434	GKN	480	-4	...	5.3	32.0
51	42	GR Hldgs	46 †	...	...	4.9	...
105	79	Garton Eng	94	...	4.1	5.5	...
161	103	Gestetner	138	...	8.2	7.4	6.0
68	23	Gieves	48	-2	...	...	34.7
801	509	Glaxo	636	-7	...	4.3	16.6
38½	16	Glenchewton	38½	+3½	...	...	...
331	245	Glynwed	305	...	11.6	4.8	28.8
129	66	Goode Durrant	123	...	...	5.5	...
153	102	Grampian Hd	134	...	5.5	5.1	23.3
498	341	Granada	445	-11	7.9	2.2	23.7
447	301	Great Sthm	445	-1	...	3.2	18.3
117	78	Green (Ernst)	86	...	...	10.2	∞
15½	8½	Greenacre	13½	...	...	2.7	13.6
17	5	Guardian Grp	9½	...	...	...	...
66½	30½	Haden MacLn	60½	+½	...	3.8	24.0
94	44	Hadleigh Inds	78	...	...	0.8	...
290	115	Hall Eng	226	...	8.6	3.9	23.0
229	161	Halma	202	+1	...	1.2	27.1
50	30	Hampson Ind	50	...	1.6	4.0	16.5
285	222	Hanson	278½	+1½	...	5.1	14.2
221	153	Harris (Phillip)	158	...	...	5.4	9.6
198	147	Harrison Crsfld	179	...	9.0	6.3	25.8
123	38	Havelock Euro	116	-1	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
30	17	Headway	30	...	0.7	2.9	∞
13½	4½	Healthcare	4½	...	...	22.2	1.2
410	301	Hepworth	407	-1	14.8	4.6	17.5
228	160	Hewitt (J)	210	...	3.2	1.9	16.4
57½	15	High-Point	53	+2	0.5	1.2	...
166	112½	Hill & Smith	165	...	...	4.3	23.0
19½	6½	Hobson	17½	+½	...	...	...
176	87	Holders Tech	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	45	...	0.9	2.5	34.0
183	133	Hornby	180	...	...	6.3	17.0
88	54½	Howden	79	...	2.2	3.5	14.6
260	173	Hunting	230	-2	...	5.4	19.4
503	269½	Huntigh Tec	455	+7	...	2.7	11.6
312	247	IMI	286	-2	...	4.3	25.5
119	90	ISA Intl	113	...	1.5	1.7	17.6
205	131	Intercare Gp	132	...	...	2.6	14.0
286	235	Isotron	278	...	4.3	2.0	16.2
665	360	Jardine Math	595	+7	...	2.1	21.6
537	425	Johnson Matth	461	...	...	2.8	20.2
64	30½	Johnson & FB	39	...	3.0	9.6	12.0
177	104	Johnston	148	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	25	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	30	...	0.7	3.2	...
178	73	Kalon	157½	-½	...	2.8	21.9
297	195	Kelsey Ind	250	...	8.0	4.0	...
660	463	Kershaw (A)	660	...	27.0	5.1	34.2
235	75	Kleeneze	229	-10	...	...	...
151	61	LGW	143	...	3.4	3.0	11.9



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351	266	Laird	326	-2	...	4.0	16.1
157½	103	Lilleshall	151	...	...	3.6	19.9
223	97	Lincat	205	...	...	3.7	14.4
33½	4½	Lincoln Fite	29½	...	...	...	34.3
128	76	Linread	106	...	3.8	4.5	16.4
280	170	Linton Park	260	...	...	6.7	9.4
15½	9½	Lionheart	9½	...	0.2	2.6	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	17	...	0.8	6.3	24.4
274	131	Lon Ind	132	+1	9.4	8.9	10.1
144	70	Lonrho	137	-2½	...	3.6	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	340	...	...	3.4	47.6
41	14½	ML Hldgs	37	...	...	...	...
56	27	MS Ind	54	-1	...	5.8	55.6
59	39	MY Holdings	47	...	...	3.4	∞
216	168	Macfarlane	201	...	...	2.1	22.8
460	379	McKechnie	424	+4	14.7	4.3	∞
106	85	McLeod Russel	101	...	6.0	7.4	12.3
10½	1½	Maddox	1½	...	...	...	9.6
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
119	71	Mang Bronze	107	...	2.5	2.9	∞
26½	19½	Marling	25	+½	...	3.3	...
208	124	Mayborn	207	...	...	3.1	15.9
62	29	Mayflower	55	...	...	1.0	45.9
236	85	Medeva	128½	+5½	...	2.3	10.4
118	88	Meggitt	95	...	...	5.0	16.2
125	98	Metalrax	110	...	...	4.2	18.0
154	126	Merrotect	152	...	...	2.7	21.1
98	70	Mersec	98	...	...	...	...
90	29	Midstates	84	-1	...	1.1	11.7
28	14	Mining & Ald	27	...	0.5	2.3	...
515	368	Molins	510	...	...	3.5	12.3
345	262	Morgan Cble	311	-1½	...	5.1	16.3
184	134	Morris Ashby	174	+1	...	3.9	13.2
38	18	Neepsend	32	...	1.0	4.0	42.3
73	34	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
192	122	Nobo Gp	190	...	4.8	3.2	18.8
181	122½	Norcros	167½	+1½	...	5.3	24.0
51	35	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	353	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	59	...	...	...	...
43½	21	OMI Intl	43½	...	...	5.0	...
162	123	PCT	161	...	...	5.6	18.3
90	36	Pacer Systems	86	...	...	5.0	...
138	87½	Pentland	93	...	...	3.5	12.6
395	290	Photo-Me	321	...	4.6	1.8	20.8
165	97½	Pilkington	152	+1	...	3.3	...
87	68	Plantbrook	85	...	3.1	4.6	13.4
154	125	Polypipe	129	-4	2.1	2.0	∞
42	15	Porter Chadburn	16	...	...	3.1	7.3
14½	9½	Posth Gp	11	-½	...	...	...
376	285	Powerscreen	302	-6½	...	2.8	15.6
20½	16½	Prospect Inds	19½	...	0.7	4.9	9.6
65	33½	RPS Group	53	...	2.3	5.4	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil	178	+1	...	0.7	59.6
889	636	Rank Org	889	+5	31.0	4.5	23.5
33	15	Ransomes	16	...	...	...	...
690	532	Reckitt Colm	641	-5	...	3.3	14.8
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
269	131	Relyon	256	-2	5.0	2.5	30.7
303	208	Renishaw	292	...	...	2.8	34.7
122	55	Renold	122	+3	...	1.8	...
1688	1240	Reuters	1597	+13	22.1	1.7	26.4
83	24½	Rexmore	77	-1	2.0	3.4	...
188	91	Ricardo Group	173	-1	...	4.1	24.5
76	58	Richards (Leics)	73	-1	3.7	6.4	...
98	63	Richardson West	77	...	3.0	5.0	19.7
142	109	Ropner	123	-1	8.2	8.4	17.4
136	97	-do- 'A'	119	-1	8.2	8.7	16.9
38	16	Ross Gp	16	...	0.6	5.1	6.5
184	131½	Rotork	166	...	...	2.8	19.4
187	89	Rubicon	165	...	...	3.3	23.2
66	43	Russell (A)	62	...	...	1.0	...
29½	15	SBP Indl	29	...	...	3.2	26.6
1087½	625	SKF 'B'	975	...	...	...	...
60½	39	Savile Grdn (J)	59	...	...	4.7	29.4
248	205	Scapa	207	...	...	3.4	15.8
238	192	Scholl	196	...	...	4.0	14.3
8½	4	Scot Heritable	5 #	...	...	...	...
1123	917	Securicor	1113	...	2.6	0.3	42.3
835	562	-do- 'A'	828	+2	2.6	0.4	31.5
745	485	Security Serv	735	...	5.1	0.9	36.4
126½	77	Senior Eng	119½	-2	...	3.4	19.9
361	278	Seton Health	317	...	...	2.4	18.6
68	42	Sheldon Jones	63	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	141	-1	3.0	2.7	15.2
344	281	Sidlaw	317	...	10.5	4.2	∞
574	427	Siebe	560	+10	...	2.3	21.0
383	220	Silentnight	332	-3	...	3.0	18.0
149	102	Sime Darby	143	...	...	3.7	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	80½	-½	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	183	...	...	4.8	14.2
47	35	Six Hundred	36	...	...	5.3	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	138½	+½	...	4.3	15.4
513	389	Smithkline	397½	-3½	9.6	3.0	14.4
450	340	Smithkline Uts	364 †	...	...	3.3	12.5
436	320	Smiths Ind	429	+9	...	3.5	17.4
140	58	Sthn Bus	74	-1	3.5	5.9	7.0
462	265	Spandex	462	...	...	1.8	20.5
660	300	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.5	1.0	10.3
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	345	...	...	3.4	21.6
145	44	Spring Ram	49½	...	...	0.6	18.1
270	207	Staveley	201 †	...	...	5.3	11.4
177	126	Sterling Ind	175	...	...	4.3	26.5
187	97	Suter	164	+1	9.0	6.9	17.2
487	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	451	-6	...	2.0	∞
7	2½	Sycamore	3	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	53 †	...	...	7.3	10.1
153	120	Syltone	153	...	...	3.9	20.3
374	279	TI	356	-2	...	3.8	24.3
32	12	TLS Range	26	...	...	1.2	...
337	211	TT Group	315	-1	...	2.6	19.4
237	201	Takare	216	...	...	1.0	18.8
868	618	Takeda Chem	744	+3	...	0.8	14.1
68	34	Tex Hldgs	60	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	98	...	...	7.0	15.1
240	150	Titon	230	...	...	2.0	20.0
271	212½	Tomkins	221	-3	...	3.6	16.3
112	67	Trafalgar H	93	+½	...	4.3	6.8
116	69	Transfer Tech	79	-1	3.2	5.1	10.0
190	143	Triplex Lloyd	143½	...	...	6.1	17.3
275	234	UniChem	265	...	6.4	3.0	17.4
375	275½	Unidare	365	...	...	5.4	18.3
76	11½	Unigroup	31	...	...	...	...
1248	938	Unilever	1096	-4	22.2	2.5	14.8
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7487½	-50	...	2.8	12.3
915	513	VSEL	800 †	...	...	4.8	8.6
15½	6½	Verson	12½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	143	...	...	2.0	...
367	243	Victaulic	260	-1	...	3.8	12.8
454	283	Vinten	431	-2	...	2.1	20.1
694	427	Vosper Thorny	620	...	...	3.3	14.9
48	41	WSP Hldgs	41	-1	...	8.2	10.7
468	368	Wagon Ind	425	-3	...	5.2	18.5
98	71	Walker Greenbk	94	...	3.1	4.1	24.0
258	201	Wassall	248	+1	2.7	1.4	25.0
45	22	Wtrford Wdgwd	44	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	270	-3	...	2.8	15.2
993	600	Wellcome	618 †	-5	...	3.5	13.1
23½	18	Wellman	20	...	0.9	5.6	32.6
358	260	West Hlthcare	328	...	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	482	...	9.7	2.5	16.3
353	224	Whessoe	228	...	...	4.4	8.9
74	27	Whitecroft	71	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Widney	10	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	120	...	3.5	...	35.1
365	295½	Williams Hldg	322	+2	12.5	4.9	16.8
46½	17	Wilshaw	44½	...	...	1.5	28.0
733	533	Wolseley	728	-1	...	2.3	21.4
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	135	...	1.5	1.4	49.2
46	35	Wyko	36	...	...	3.5	...
59	38	Young (H)	47	...	3.0	8.0	17.2

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1212½	Alex & Alex	1212½	-31½	...	5.5	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1862½	+43½	...	3.9	...
63	30	Archer (AJ)	59	...	2.7	5.7	28.7
183	133	Berry Bch Nbl	159	...	...	4.2	12.3
148	118	Bradstock	135	...	5.2	4.8	16.7
498	359½	Britannic	447	-1	...	3.2	...
667	596	Com Union	599	+11	...	5.0	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1725	...	...	1.6	22.8
50	18	FAI	44	...	...	...	...
741	546	Gen Accident	640	+1	26.7	5.2	...
230	160	GRE	200	+8	7.1	4.5	16.6
412	288	Heath C E	397	-2	...	5.1	...
228	155	Hogg Gp	158 †	-1	8.1	6.4	14.3
215	162	JIB Group	174	...	...	5.4	17.8
543	408½	Legal & Gen	490	+2	...	4.9	29.8
1129	768	Liberty Life	1085	+4	...	10.2	20.2
468	408	Lloyds Abbey	424	...	17.3	5.1	15.2
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	281	-1	6.7	3.0	17.5
388	224	Londn & Man	361	...	14.7	5.1	26.6
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	417	+3	14.0	4.2	14.8
6743½	5312½	Marsh McLn	5312½	-37½	...	3.4	...
130	76	Oriel	127	...	...	5.0	...
72	50½	PWS	66	-1	4.0	7.6	9.6
373	282½	Prudential	331	+1	...	5.0	...
1138	800	Refuge	978	-7	32.2	4.1	27.1
347	248	Royal	294	+12	...	2.8	...
204	159	Sedgwick	191	-2	...	3.9	23.5
261	119	Steel Burrill	144	...	...	10.4	8.5
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	66	...	6.5	12.3	6.7
400	307	Sun Alliance	363	+7	14.2	4.9	...
84	50	Trade Indemnty	84	...	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	312	-2	12.0	4.8	28.9
773	499	Utd Friendly	603	-5	15.1	3.1	26.3
342	171	Willis Corroon	232	+2	...	3.6	49.5
21	13½	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1846	1548	Alliance	1771	-9	45.5	3.2	38.8
283½	226½	Amer Trust	270	...	5.2	2.4	56.0
426	304	Ang & O'seas	408	-3	6.8	2.1	51.8
156	124	B2W Conv	143½	+½	7.8	6.8	∞
189½	133½	Bankers	184	-1	3.6	2.5	50.6
328	264	Baring Tribne	326	...	6.4	2.5	51.6
203	131	Berry Starq	202	...	2.2	1.4	65.7
110	96½	Br Assets	105½	...	4.2	5.1	∞
83½	57½	Br Empire Sec	82½	...	0.9	1.4	∞
30	14	-do- Wrnts	27	...	...	...	...
203	156	Br Inv	195	...	4.6	3.0	43.5
197	130	Contl Assets	185	-1	2.4	1.6	61.5
198	143	Derby Inc	149	...	...	12.0	9.0
290	195	-do- Cap	275	...	...	...	...
87	62	Drayton Blue	82	...	8.4	12.8	9.1
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	74 †	-1	1.0	1.7	...
135	84	-do- Far East	123	...	0.6	0.6	...
137	95	-do- Korea	135	...	0.5	0.5	...
688	576	Dunedin Inc G	655	...	...	4.9	30.1
100	81	-do- Japan	81	-1	...	...	...
55	37½	-do- Warrants	39	...	...	...	...
729	513	-do- Wrwde	706	-2	9.5	1.7	∞
292	222	Dundee & Lon	283	...	...	4.0	28.1
308	250½	Edinburgh	295	-2	8.5	3.6	32.3
291	183	Electra Inv	277	-1	6.8	3.1	37.8
191	141	Electric Gen	182	-1	3.1	2.1	56.7
114	85	English Scot	111	...	...	...	...
314	205	European Asset	310	-1	...	2.3	40.3
133	77	Finsbury 'A'	124 †	-1	3.0	3.0	39.9
307	248	Fleming Amer	302½	-½	0.8	0.4	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	213	...	...	3.1	42.0
340	212	Do Contl	317	-2	2.7	1.1	...
202	147	-do- Entp	197	...	...	3.0	39.8
362	213	-do- F East	347	+1	1.1	0.4	...
331	246	-do- Fledg	327	...	3.0	1.1	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	99	...	...	5.6	16.7
260	136	-do- Japan	212	-3	0.4	0.3	∞
291	250	-do- Merc	284½	-1	6.7	2.9	60.9
307	212	-do- Overs	291	-2	4.2	1.8	60.9
273	203	Foreign & Col	263	-½	...	1.6	71.6
121	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	110	+1½	0.2	0.3	∞
67	44	-do- Enterprise	66	...	0.4	0.8	...
233	164	-do- Eurotst	219	-1	1.2	0.7	∞
131	87	-do- German	118	-1	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	288	-1	...	0.9	...
168½	116	-do- Smaller	165	...	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	229	-2	...	0.7	...
168	65	Genl Cons Cap	161	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	108 †	...	...	9.8	11.2
165	115	Govett Am Smlr	159	...	...	...	...
116	94	-do- Emg Mkts	109	...	...	...	...
343	184	-do- Oriental	332	...	0.9	0.4	...
286	207	-do- Strategy	280 †	...	6.7	3.2	∞
408	340	Greenfriar	406	...	...	2.0	61.0
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
143	124	Inv Cap	138 †	...	...	4.6	26.5
97	77	IMS UK Smlr	94	...	2.8	3.8	25.9
210	156½	Kleinwort Char	202½	-1½	5.0	3.1	39.4
250	176	-do- O'seas	239	...	3.3	1.7	67.9
142	108	-do- Smlr	136	...	...	3.2	33.0
690	540	Law Debenture	672	...	18.5	3.4	33.6
202	164	Majedie	193	...	...	3.1	35.5
282½	221	Merchants	274	+1	...	5.0	25.5
6687½	3700	Merrill Lynch	5912½	-31½	...	...	...
521	383	Monks Inv Tst	504½	-2½	...	1.2	63.9
141	105	Morg Gren Inc	129 †	-1	4.5	4.4	∞
54	23	Do Warrants	47	...	...	...	...
60	39	Murray Euro	54	...	0.1	0.4	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	19	...	...	...	...
362	282	Murray Income	351	-3	10.9	3.9	33.5
361	265	-do- Intl	355	-1	11.6	4.1	32.0
421	263	-do- Small	420 †	...	...	1.3	...
103	89	-do- S/C Inc	89	-1	...	14.0	∞
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	117	...	...	...	...
3150	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3150	...	...	4.2	∞
157	142½	-do- S/C DP	157	...	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	290	-2	...	4.6	24.2
93	68	Nwthrog Inc	91	...	6.7	9.4	16.8
346	249	O'seas Inv Tst	334 †	-2	3.1	1.2	∞
484	285	Pacific Assets	466	+2	1.1	0.3	...
389	187	Do Warrants	366	+1	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8225	...	19.0	2.9	48.6
170	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	162	...	1.1	0.9	...
127	108	River & Merc	121	...	9.2	9.7	11.8
465	350	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
435	346	Rolinco	419	...	...	1.9	...
284	214	St Andrew Inv	284	...	7.5	3.3	38.2
160½	131	Scot American	151½	...	...	3.8	32.0
284	136	Scot Asian	269	...	...	...	...
785	225	do Warrants	735	...	...	...	...
83	63½	-do- Eastern	78½	-½	1.5	2.5	51.6
231	183	Scottish	219½	-1½	4.6	2.6	45.5
235½	178	-do- Mtge	218½	-1½	4.0	2.3	56.7
101	71	-do- Value	99½	...	1.8	2.3	∞
1648	1390	Second Allnce	1574	-5	...	3.1	39.6
93½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	90	-½	3.2	4.5	29.8
163	109½	Selective Asset	157	...	1.2	1.0	56.5
38	14	Sphere Inv	33½	...	3.1	11.6	10.8
169	112	TR Far East	163 †	-1	...	3.8	31.0
154	126	TR City Of Lon	150½	-1	...	4.0	32.8
184	130	TR Pacific	181	-4	0.3	0.2	...
36½	17	TR Property	35½	-½	0.9	3.2	36.8
120	47	TR Tech Inv	104	...	1.7	2.1	38.6
199	146	TR Smlr Cos	186½	...	...	3.5	43.1
360	283	Temple Bar	345	-1	13.2	4.8	26.0
111	69	Thrgtn Asian F	109½	+½	0.5	0.6	...
79	54	Throgmorton	73	...	2.3	3.9	29.8
550	363	Throg Dual Cp	493	...	...	...	...
242	178	USDC Invest	233	-2	4.5	2.4	42.9
124	76½	Value Inc Tst	113 †	...	4.0	4.4	28.4
803	542	Whitbread Inv	803	+7	16.5	2.6	48.4
225	181	Witan	214	-1½	5.6	3.3	37.5

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
455	269	Airtours	438	-1	7.7	2.2	15.5
64	42	Alld Leis	50	-1	3.0	7.5	∞
440	194	Anglia TV	436	-8	...	2.7	20.2
103	67	Baldwin	86	...	4.6	6.7	11.7
252	192	Barr & W 'A'	240	...	10.0	5.2	15.3
1265	930	Boosey Hwks	1145	...	22.0	2.4	17.2
153	90	Border TV	143	...	...	2.9	12.9
16½	4½	Brent Walker	4½	-½	...	...	...
103	48	Bristol Scotts	103	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
292	72	Campari	74	...	8.7	14.8	...
231	171	Capital Radio	227	+4	5.7	3.2	∞
818	718	Carlton Comm	770	+1	17.7	2.9	22.7
228	158	Castle Comm	226 †	...	...	4.7	15.0
2183	1615	Central TV	2170	+77	39.0	2.2	23.6
124	61	Chrysalis	103	...	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	571	+2	...	2.6	17.1
350	175	Eurocamp	221	...	9.7	5.5	9.1
1180	318	Euro Disney	316	-62	...	3.7	...
8	3	Euro Leisure	3	...	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	31½	...	...	1.4	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	288	...	10.5	4.6	...
378	232	First Leisure	249	-4	6.2	3.1	17.2
590	298	GWR Gp	588	...	...	1.7	30.2
246	149	Grampian	228	-6	6.5	3.6	15.7
22	4½	Greenwich Comm	16	...	...	...	...
96	19	HTV Group	92	+4	...	...	40.9
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	59	...	...	4.8	...
12½	5½	Kunick	8½	...	...	...	...
525	405	LWT Hldgs	507	+4	...	1.2	23.4
600	327	Man Utd	548	-2	...	4.4	22.1
148	59	Owners Abrd	79	...	3.9	6.2	6.3
77	33	The Pelican Gp	72	...	...	1.9	16.9
170	55	Prism Leisure	170	...	...	2.4	15.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	39	...	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde	309	...	...	3.4	24.2
208	132	Ransdens (H)	197	...	...	2.9	26.1
553	410	Scot TV	449	+5	10.3	2.9	22.1
65	37	Southern Radio	50	-1	0.7	2.0	20.8
260	168	Stanley Leisure	249	...	4.3	2.2	19.6
10	5½	Sunleigh	8	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	105	-2	...	2.4	5.4
78	44	Trans World	64	...	...	1.6	23.3
499	274	Ulster TV	481	+4	12.0	3.1	14.8
109	62	Vardon	103	...	0.8	1.0	34.3
22	11	Wembley	16½	...	...	...	...
48	7½	Whitegate	35	+1	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	194	-17	12.0	7.7	5.9
120	83	Zenith Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5900	1800	Am Gold	5625	-121½	...	3.8	28.6
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1531½d	-25	...	5.9	8.1
2550	1125	Ang Am	2450	...	...	2.8	21.4
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res	27	+1½	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	177	-4	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	40	+1	...	...	∞
871	233	Buffels	782	-21	...	8.1	7.1
2½	1	Butte	1½	-½	...	...	...
748	546	CRA	729	+17	...	2.8	25.1
43½	11	Cluff Res	34½	-1	...	...	...
1406½	762½	De Beers	1268½	-15½	...	3.8	17.4
165	37½	Deelkraal	138	-1	...	1.4	15.9
96	7	Doornfontein	64	...	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	782	-33	...	3.7	15.5
788	120	Durban	723	-25	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	149	-1	...	7.2	4.6
175	35	E Rand Prop	84 †	...	...	...	...
65	16	Eastern Trans	50	...	...	5.0	10.7
604	117	Elandsrand	429	-2	...	2.8	10.5
1042	292	FS Cons	975	-43	...	4.9	12.8
80	8	FS Dev	60	-1	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1450	-44	...	2.7	25.1
110	62½	Gencor	102	-3	...	8.6	∞
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	49½	...	...	2.7	20.2
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	145	-7	...	6.9	9.1
360	78	Harmony	326	+2	...	...	...
425	87	Hartes	373	-19	...	7.3	14.8
16½	8½	Incoc	15	-½	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	829	...	...	3.3	28.6
13½	6	Kenmare Res	9½	...	...	...	...
1092	332	Kinross	1067	-14	...	5.3	∞
913	319	Kloof	651	-33	...	3.3	9.2
137	25	Leslie	123	-4	...	8.4	∞
314	13	Loraine	306	-8	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	∞
116½	80	MIM	98½	+1	...	2.3	47.9
1322	820	Minorco	1282	-13	...	3.0	15.1
152½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	144	+5½	...	3.3	23.7
2712½	612½	Orange Free	2575	-112½	...	4.9	20.9
746	607	RTZ	693	+9	...	5.0	19.2
637½	425	Rand Mines	587½	-6½	...	7.4	∞
671	150	Randfontein	571	-12	...	4.9	8.5
192	115	Renison	175	...	...	2.5	18.1
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1037½	...	...	3.1	∞
725	191	St Helena	634	-30	...	3.8	12.5
2368	475	Southvaal	1908	-111	...	2.9	34.0
119	18	Stilfontein	79	-1	...	7.9	14.4
201	58	Unisel	150	-7	...	4.4	∞
6300	1800	Vaal Reefs	5850	-175	...	3.7	10.6
703	154	Welkom	660	-24	...	4.9	20.8
640	26	Western Areas	575	-33	...	0.8	18.4
3000	587½	Western Deep	2862½	-75	...	2.1	13.9
283	176	Wstrn Mining	248	+4	...	1.9	...
1035	323	Winkels	1008	-23	...	3.7	∞
84	49	Zambia Copper	53	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	61	...	...	7.2	20.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	248	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	-2	3.0	3.3	11.1
153	78	Appleyard	126	-2	...	5.2	...
335	203	Bletchley Mtr	305	...	...	3.8	15.5
192	120	Bostrom	184	-1	6.0	4.1	32.5
468	165	Br Aerospace	412	-3	7.3	2.2	...
56	19½	Burndene	51	...	...	2.8	13.5
388	303	Caffyns	353	-5	11.5	4.1	71.4
15	4½	Caverdale	12½	-½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	129	-2	...	3.9	32.8
32	18	Cook (DC)	28	...	...	2.7	15.9
267	156	Cowie (T)	234	-1	6.6	3.5	17.8
141	86	Dag Motors	137	...	5.7	5.2	24.8
155	102½	Dawnpt Vern	146	-1	...	3.5	18.5
330	155	ERF	324	...	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	132	...	...	3.6	18.3
406	208	Evans Halshw	403	...	11.4	3.6	62.1
290	211	FR Group	212	-2	...	4.2	9.9
4306½	2843½	Ford Motor	3993½	-31½	...	...	...
3706½	2143½	General Mtr	3525	-50	...	1.5	...
75	38	Gowrings	56	...	2.0	4.5	...
247	85	Henlys	244	+1	3.5	1.8	...
1056	650	Honda Motor	820	-36	...	1.1	...
35	15	Jacks (Wm)	35	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	96	...	4.5	6.0	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	159	...	...	2.8	22.5
420	281	Lex Service	415	-1	...	3.4	22.7
164	85	Lookers	149	...	6.2	5.2	...
181	126	Lucas	172	-2	...	5.1	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	25½	-½	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	250	...	...	3.2	20.5
190	101½	Perry Gp	160	-3	...	5.6	...
190	108	Quicks Group	164	...	...	3.6	21.0
169	96½	Rolls-Royce	168	+4½	...	3.7	...
223	164	T & N	190	-4	...	7.1	27.1
256	163	Trinity Hldgs	238	-1	...	2.9	22.1
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	166	-2	...	3.2	23.2
253	121	Westland	224	...	4.2	2.4	19.8

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	103	Adscene	190	...	5.0	3.3	19.4
360	315	Black (A&C)	340	...	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	290	Blenheim Gp	300	-23	...	3.9	11.2
370	275	Bristol	355	...	...	4.1	32.0
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9600	...	13.4	1.7	21.6
£104½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9525	...	13.4	1.8	21.4
355	251	Dorling Kind	336	-6	3.3	1.2	∞
5637½	4337½	Elsevier	5187½	...	...	1.8	17.5
373	322	EMAP	357	+2	...	2.8	21.9
1400	873	Euromoney Pb	1400	+25	38.0	3.5	∞
284	170	Harrington K	187	-5	4.7	3.1	15.3
468	233	Haynes Pub	458	...	...	2.2	17.2
363	335	Hodder H'line	335	...	5.1	1.9	28.5
140	99	Home Counts	110	...	5.2	6.0	...
151	30	Ind Bus Comm	145	...	...	...	21.0
14	6½	Int Cm & Data	11	...	...	...	...
435	240	Independent	420	...	...	3.0	22.7
580	395	Johnstne Press	516	...	6.5	1.6	22.3
327	243	Metal Bulletn	327	...	8.2	3.1	23.1
186	98	Mirror Gp	152	...	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	433	+6	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	266	+2	...	0.6	16.4
586	354	Pearson	574	+9	...	2.6	31.2
675	510	Portsmth Sund	610	-3	...	1.9	16.8
784	618	Reed Int	722	-5	...	3.0	31.5
165	98	Southnews	165	...	...	1.8	30.3
171	90	Sterling Pubs	160	...	...	2.3	17.6
423	328	Telegraph	370	...	...	4.1	15.5
895	715	Thomson Corp	825 †	...	...	1.8	41.2
395	313	Trinity Intl	370	+3	9.0	3.0	22.2
39	27	Unit Group	27	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspapers	524	-4	...	5.1	14.6

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	27	...	...	...	26.3
61	34	Arcon Intl	35	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Ass Oil & Gas	56	-2	...	...	...
83	25	Aviva Pet	70	-1	...	...	...
16	5½	Beverley	9½	...	...	...	54.7
223	145	Br Borneo	216	-1	7.1	4.1	6.5
348	276	British Gas	324	+2	14.2	5.5	15.7
362½	225	Br Petroleum	343 †	-½	8.4	3.1	26.9
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castl	727	-7	...	5.7	17.0
68	32	Cairn Energy	62	...	...	...	8.9
306	223	Calor Gp	298 †	+1	...	5.0	16.3
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	46	...	...	...	...
44	27	Copley Res	38	+1	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	17	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	454½	+½	19.0	5.2	25.0
88	32	Exp Co Louis	34	-2	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	4.7	8.2
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	62	...	1.4	2.8	11.9
48	18	Gt Western Res	40	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	168	-1	...	0.7	15.6
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	127½	LASMO	134	+1	...	3.1	27.2
103	63	-do- Units	74	...	9.4	16.0	...
24	4	Mid Scot Res	4½	...	...	...	...
56½	34	Monument	50	-½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
38	27	Oil Search	38	...	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petroc	16½	-1	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	162	...	...	...	...
20½	18	Premier	20½	-½	...	...	9.7
168	50	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	366	...	...	4.4	...
7312½	3150	Royal Dtch Fl	6950	+62½	...	4.4	17.3
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4137½	+50	...	1.9	...
67	47	Seafield	60	...	...	...	...
727	515	Shell	687	+1	22.8	4.1	31.1
201	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	16	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villiers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
208	135	Woodside	196	+1	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
145	120	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
353	249	API	351	...	8.2	2.9	30.6
232	144	Arjo Wiggins	232	+1	...	3.5	37.5
543	406	Abbot Mead	535	...	9.5	2.2	28.1
40	13	Aegis Gp	18½	-½	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	129	...	...	4.7	11.7
20	7	BBB Design	18	...	...	...	...
409	234½	Bemrose	371	...	...	4.0	16.2
30½	7½	Birkdale	8½	...	...	...	...
155	118	Bunzl	130	...	4.0	3.8	19.6
352	257	CIA Gp	350	...	...	1.6	22.1
230	93	Capital Inds	166	-2	...	2.7	15.9
92	44	City of Lon	99	-2	...	5.5	16.2
299	169	Cropper (James)	290	...	3.2	1.4	28.8
6	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
65	51	Delyn Group	87	...	1.6	2.4	11.7
120	94	Dolphin Pack	109	...	4.5	5.2	26.9
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	78	...	...	5.0	17.7
15½	10½	Elswick	14	...	...	2.7	15.7
74	41	Fairway Group	74	...	3.2	5.5	21.8
340	271	Ferguson Intl	340	...	...	4.6	15.4
110	92	Ferry Pick	110	...	...	6.4	20.7
162	74	Filofax	157	-1	...	1.2	20.2
30	10½	Fitch	11	...	...	...	...
130	69	Gibbon Lyons	129	...	...	4.8	14.6
295	206	Gold Greenlees	207	...	8.3	5.0	14.8
41	17	Goodhead	23 †	+6	0.0	0.3	∞
88	35	Hunterprint	37	...	...	...	...
165	136	Interevrope	162	...	...	6.0	11.9
278	191	Jarvis Porter	276	...	...	2.2	25.6
32	15½	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MDM	32½	-½	...	...	...
346	175	More O'Ferrall	332	...	13.2	5.0	39.7
133	48	NMC Group	114	...	2.7	3.0	17.4
230	66	Osborne & Little	230	+32	...	2.8	25.0
525	455	Portals	494 †	...	...	3.7	17.0
3½	½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
286	159	Quarto	282	...	...	2.6	17.4
347	270	St Ives Gp	280	...	...	2.5	18.5
186	142½	Saatchi	178	-1	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	360	+1	...	9.1	6.9
32	11½	Seril	14½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	26	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	334	-1	...	3.7	17.5
295	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	254 †	+8	...	1.7	6.1
88	45	Somic	85	...	2.5	3.7	34.4
240	183	Stat-Plus	207	...	8.4	5.1	18.5
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	28	...	0.3	1.5	23.4
104	38	VTR	101	...	...	4.8	∞
106	40	WPP	90	...	...	1.4	3.4
179	62	Wace	169	+1	...	0.7	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	236	...	...	4.4	17.4
410	270	Watmough	390	...	...	1.9	30.6
7	4	Wespon	4½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck	19	...	...	...	...
90	55	Wood (SW)	90	...	...	2.1	19.1

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	109	...	...	4.0	28.2
47	35	Arcadian	35 †	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	5½	...	...	...	...
135	52	Asda	126	...	...	2.1	13.3
152	88	Avonside	128	-1	4.1	4.0	17.9
2637½	2062½	BCE	2325	...	...	...	...
670	39½	Bilton	644	...	18.9	3.7	23.3
110	23	Bourne End	97 #	...	1.0	1.3	...
236	150	Bradford	228 †	+1	5.9	3.2	23.1
23	5	Bredero	14	...	...	...	...
427	166½	Br Land	420	+4	...	2.1	38.3
348	140½	Brixton	235	+1	...	4.5	18.6
89	42	Burford	86	...	...	1.9	...
187	99	Cap & Regnl	184	...	...	0.9	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
593	196	Chesterfield	585	...	11.5	2.5	41.6
43	12	City Site Ests	28	...	...	...	...
29	12	Clarke Nickolls	29	...	...	...	...
548	300	Compco	300	...	12.9	5.6	65.2
53	34	Conrad Ritlat GS	45	...	...	...	...
1395	818	Daejan	1390	...	...	2.4	17.2
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2	...	...	...	...
129	53	Debenhm Twsn	115	+1	...	3.3	22.4
12	4	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
180	76	Dencora	178	...	3.0	2.1	...
635	263	Derwent Hldgs	610	+2	8.7	1.8	76.0
45	10	Development Sec	31½	-½	...	...	...
58	25	Dwyer	57	...	...	...	...
381	170	Estates Agency	372	...	...	2.6	44.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	19½	...	...	...	...
215	132	Evans Of Leeds	209	...	...	2.7	18.5
35½	11	Five Oaks	32	...	...	...	...
65	30	Fletcher King	64	...	1.0	2.0	42.4
490	276½	Frogmore	471	+1	...	4.2	22.7
200	97	Grainger	200	+1	5.2	3.3	44.7
233	116½	Gr Portland	218 †	+4	...	4.6	20.9
33	7½	Greycoat	31½	...	...	...	...
192	101	HK Land	173	-1	...	3.7	22.8
84	35	Hambro Cnywr	62	...	0.5	1.0	...
427	257½	Hammerson	409	...	10.0	3.1	41.4
663	265	-do- 'A'	377	+1	10.0	3.3	38.1
292	127	Helical Bar	288	...	...	2.1	10.3
39	19	Hemingway	33	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	60	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
153	133	Jermyn	133	...	...	...	...
740	435	Land Sec	725	+5	23.1	4.0	21.4
113	73	Lon Merch Sec	109	...	4.0	4.6	16.9
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	11	...	...	...	...
537	319½	MEPC	522	+2	...	4.8	22.5
9	5	McInerney	7½	...	...	...	...
150	90	McKay Secs	150	+5	3.5	2.9	20.6
7½	3	Markheath	3½	-½	...	...	...
74	12	Merivale Mre	71	+8	...	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
48	29	Moorfield Est	46	+1	...	...	...
1300	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
171	112	Mucklow (A&J)	171	...	...	4.5	26.6
46	30	Olives Prop	37	...	...	...	...
10½	2½	Ossory Est	2½	...	...	...	0.7
172	88	PSIT	163	...	4.1	3.2	32.3
359	138	Peel	334	...	4.0	1.5	...
16	4½	Power Corp	5	...	...	...	...
48	22	Property Trust	38	+2	...	...	10.8
63	33½	Raglan	36 †	-1	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	23½	-½	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
50	16	St Modwen Prp	46	...	0.9	2.4	35.0
78	39	Savills	76	...	...	1.6	30.1
112	33½	Scot Met	91 †	-1	...	2.1	∞
117	39	Shaftesbury	116	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11	...	...	...	5.8
272	130½	Slough Estates	255	-1	...	4.0	17.8
87	56	Southend Prop	80	...	...	3.8	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps	28	...	...	...	...
226	114	Tops Ests	225	...	2.1	1.2	...
137	79	Town Centre	134 †	...	...	3.2	24.0
93	43	Trafford Park	93	...	...	3.8	21.4
56	17	UK Land	31	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
278	180	Warner	278	+4	10.4	4.7	25.4
219	168	Warnford	210	-2	7.5	4.5	15.2
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	88½	-½	...	...	...
76	40	Wood John D	65	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	11	Automagica	26	...	...	...	...
183	84	Headlam	175	...	...	2.1	39.5
500	285	Lambert	315	-40	13.2	5.3	7.7
100	44	Pittards	50	...	1.5	3.8	14.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	5.7	6.1
218	89	Stylo	217	...	...	1.7	...
66	53	UK Safety	59	-2	...	5.5	1.9

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521	408	Allied Text	488	...	12.7	3.3	15.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	56	...	3.5	8.0	∞
41	21	Bolton Gp	21	...	...	...	...
171	141	Br Mohair	171	...	8.5	6.2	16.0
53	15	Chartwell	40	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	334	...	7.5	2.9	20.2
601	522	Courtauld Text	555	+1	13.9	3.1	15.2
53½	24½	Cupid	28	...	...	...	...
248½	182	Dawson	184	-2	...	6.1	14.0
47	22	Drummond	40	...	...	...	...
84	65	Faupel	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
34	15	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	118	...	4.2	4.5	...
223	156	Hicking Pntcst	217	...	...	2.3	16.8
90	45	Jerome (S)	68	-1	...	0.4	...
422	249	Lamont	393	-1	12.0	3.8	26.0
515	353½	Leeds	494	-4	...	2.0	23.9
64	15	Lister	59	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	87	...	...	4.7	...
215	89	Magellan	213	...	1.4	0.8	...
234	77½	Parkland	203 †	-4	...	1.0	...
102½	82	Readicut	96	-1½	...	4.5	18.0
66	35	SEET	54	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	132	...	...	5.1	9.1
72	44	Stirling Gp	71	...	1.8	3.3	17.4
51	37	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	280	...	11.5	5.1	24.4
62½	32½	West Trust	37	...	2.5	8.4	∞
232	126	Yorklyde	230	...	...	2.9	15.1

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521½	407	BAT	486	-5	...	4.9	14.5

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
517	349	Assoc Br Ports	489	+3	...	2.2	...
941	707	BAA	924	-9	...	2.2	22.9
417	249	Br Airways	414	-1	...	3.3	18.4
110	56	Clarkson (H)	108	...	1.7	2.1	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	442	+6	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	78	...	0.5	0.8	20.9
211	147	IoM Steam	208	...	...	5.0	10.9
38	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
107	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	103	+1	...	1.3	18.9
445	264	Mersey Docks	415	-5	...	2.7	28.2
271	181	Natl Express	257	-3	...	3.5	26.6
284	230	NFC	239	...	6.5	3.4	18.2
343	244	Ocean Group	335	+5	...	5.3	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	71	...	4.0	7.0	12.9
676	504	P & O Dfd	570	-2	...	6.7	30.9
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	187	-1	...	3.7	...
621	448	Powell Duffryn	599	+2	...	4.7	23.2
225	117	Seacon	210	...	...	3.2	13.2
163	112	Stagecoach	141	...	...	3.4	∞
81½	31½	TNT	73	...	...	...	...
773	624	Tiber & Britn	728	...	12.6	2.2	27.9
382	37	Tiphook	71	+1	...	...	...
298	227	TDG	270	-1	...	4.4	8.9

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
566	455	Anglian Water	538	+1	...	5.1	10.6
347	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	347	...	...	3.8	12.8
702	547	Northumbrian	670 †	-3	...	4.3	6.9
567	431½	North West	530	-2	...	5.0	9.5
578	439	Severn Trent	552	-1	...	4.8	8.8
617	454	Sthrn Water	583	-2	...	4.6	9.7
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1530	...	48.5	4.0	10.8
622	465	South West	566	-5	...	5.2	9.3
584	454	Thames Water	522½	+½	...	5.1	10.2
681	506	Welsh Water	642	...	...	4.6	8.5
693	536	Wessex Water	637	+3	...	4.2	9.6
590	473½	Yorkshire W	558	+2	...	4.8	9.5

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ¶ Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 8½% 1994	100[illegible]	...	8.45	5.22
109[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 14½% 1994	102[illegible]	..	14.15	5.16
109[illegible]	103[illegible]	Exch 13½% 1994	103[illegible]	..	13.06	5.19
105[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 10% 1994	102[illegible] †	...	9.75	5.20
110[illegible]	105[illegible]	Exch 12½% 1994	105[illegible]	...	11.88	5.19
105[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	103[illegible]	..	8.69	5.12
111[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	107[illegible]	...	11.17	5.21
97[illegible]	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97[illegible]	...	3.08	4.83
109[illegible]	107[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.52	5.30
116[illegible]	113[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	113[illegible]	...	11.22	5.36
120[illegible]	116[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	117[illegible]	...	11.96	5.47
125[illegible]	121[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	121[illegible]	...	12.52	5.55
120[illegible]	115[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	117[illegible]	...	11.27	5.58
112[illegible]	108[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	111[illegible]	...	8.96	5.70
122[illegible]	118[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	120[illegible]	...	10.95	5.85
114[illegible]	110[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.25	5.87
109[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	109[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.99	5.92
132[illegible]	127[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	130[illegible]	...	11.48	6.10
113[illegible]	109[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.62	6.14
104[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	104[illegible]	...	6.93	6.05
104[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104[illegible]	...	6.94	6.06
101[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.63	5.37
130[illegible]	125[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	129[illegible]	...	10.81	6.37

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138[illegible]	133[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	138[illegible]	...	11.22	6.25
124[illegible]	118[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	123[illegible]	...	9.70	6.40
114[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	113[illegible]	...	8.35	6.34
126[illegible]	120[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	125[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.74	6.48
119[illegible]	112[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	118[illegible]	...	8.84	6.40
119[illegible]	112[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.64	6.46
113[illegible]	106	Conv 9% 2000	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.96	6.45
133[illegible]	125[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	133[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.75	6.70
119[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	118[illegible]	...	8.43	6.72
119[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	119[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.19	6.83
109[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.34	6.73
122[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	122[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.18	6.86
129[illegible]	116[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	125[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.13	6.94
81[illegible]	67[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80[illegible]	+[illegible]	4.34	5.98
120[illegible]	105[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	119[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.93	6.91
120[illegible]	105[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	119[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.92	6.95
138[illegible]	124[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	138[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.06	7.12
107[illegible]	94[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.45	6.89
131[illegible]	118[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	130[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.97	7.10
113[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	112[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.54	7.03
146[illegible]	131[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	145[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.25	7.14

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
118[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	117[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.64	7.05
109[illegible]	92[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.36	7.07
119[illegible]	100[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	119	+[illegible]	7.56	7.09
120[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	119[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.52	7.08
88[illegible]	70[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	87[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.28	6.68
108[illegible]	89[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	107[illegible]	...	7.21	7.01
110[illegible]	93[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	109[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.28	7.06
150[illegible]	125[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	149[illegible] †	+[illegible]	8.02	7.25
119[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	119[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.34	7.06

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
49[illegible]	38[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	49[illegible] †	+[illegible]	7.08	...
34[illegible]	27[illegible]	Treas 2½%	34[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.27	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136[illegible]	131[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1994	136[illegible]	...	...	...
205[illegible]	194[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	203[illegible]	-[illegible]	1.06	2.01
112[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas IL 4½% 1998	112[illegible]	-[illegible]	1.47	2.15
173[illegible]	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	172[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.44	2.82
169[illegible]	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	168[illegible]	...	2.64	2.95
115[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas IL 4½% 2004	114[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.71	3.02
180[illegible]	159[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	178[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.71	2.95
164[illegible]	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.88	3.09
170[illegible]	148[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169	-[illegible]	2.94	3.13
141[illegible]	122[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	139[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.98	3.15
151[illegible]	130[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.02	3.19
147	124[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.08	3.22
123[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	121[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.08	3.21
123[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	121[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.10	3.23

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£2,000-9,999	1·50	1·51
£1-1,999	1·00	1·00
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£50,000-99,999	4·50	4·58
£10,000-49,999	4·00	4·06
£2,000-9,999	2·00	2·02
£1-1,999	1·00	1·00
Practice Call Account†		
£100,000+	5·00	5·09
£50,000-99,999	4·50	4·58
£10,000-49,999	4·00	4·06
£2,000-9,999	2·00	2·02
£1-1,999	1·00	1·00

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In the best year since 1989, people have flocked to see, clockwise from left, *Jurassic Park*, *Aladdin*, *Indecent Proposal*, *The Fugitive* and *Sleepless in Seattle*

Hollywood finds a softer side to take $5bn at box office

Philip Robinson reports that it is not all love and kisses behind the camera, however, as competition intensifies

Hollywood will hit its first $5 billion at the box office this year — the best year since 1989. But unlike other years, it has pulled in the biggest crowds with a story of a search for the one-armed man, 65-million-year-old lizards and a small boy whose dreams come true by rubbing a brass lamp.

Gratuitous violence — apart from the *Jurassic Park* scene where the dinosaur eats the lawyer, widely applauded in the US — has largely flopped. The prime example, Arnold Schwarzenegger's crash, thump and shoot film *Last Action Hero*, died before the bullets hit the villains.

By contrast, the softer love story of Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks in *Sleepless in Seattle*, Tom Cruise in the thriller *The Firm*, Walt Disney's *Aladdin*, Paramount's *Indecent Proposal* with Robert Redford, and the dinosaurs of *Jurassic Park* were among the seven films this year to take in more than $100 million. *The Fugitive* took in $174 million

But if all was love and kisses on the screen, the violence continued at the major studios behind the screens. Peter Guber, who runs the Sony-owned Columbia Pictures, which produced *Last Action Hero*, announced this week that his contract has been extended for a further five years to silence speculation that he was about to go.

Competitive pressures will heighten next year as the six major studios fight for a bigger market share while attempting to keep the lid on costs and improve gross profit margins, which have been falling over the past three years.

Most of the top six film-makers plan to double production next year. So far this year, Walt Disney has released 34 films, Sony 43, Warner 28 and Paramount 11. Disney says it will go to 60 in 1994. Just three years ago most studios produced barely a dozen films a year.

This year's coveted crown for the studio with the largest box office take is a neck-and-neck race between Sony, which also owns the Tri-Star studio, and Warner Brothers, part of Time Warner. Despite the disappointment of Columbia's *Last Action Hero*, the box office takings of all Sony's film-making businesses ledthe current tinsel town rankings with $835 million and a 19.4 per cent share. Warner is snapping at its heels with 18.7 per cent, having taken in $803.5 million and Disney is third with 15.5 per cent and $665.3 million.

The dinosaur epic *Jurassic Park*, whose $325 million broke most box office records — first to $100 million take in nine days; biggest-grossing film so far this year; and toppling Steven Spielberg's other blockbuster *ET* as the highest grosser of all time — has pushed Universal Pictures into fourth place with a 14.6 per cent share and box office takings of $627.1 million.

Twentieth Century Fox, whose parent company, The News Corporation, owns *The Times*, occupies fifth place with 9.4 per cent and $405.1 million, and Paramount — which two rival takeover bidders consider is worth $10 billion — is the last of the big major studios, with an 8.6 per cent share and a $368.6 million box office take.

The total box office so far this year stands at $4.4 billion. Analysts say the figure will certainly top $5 billion as America moves into the crucial Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday market today.

Competing for the Christmas rush is a series of sequels and a new comedy that stars Robin Williams in drag as a Nanny in Fox's *Mrs Doubtfire*. Whoopi Goldberg returns as a black nun in *Sister Act II*, the two heavy-metal crazies will cavort in *Wayne's World 2*, and Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau will open on Christmas day with an update on *The Odd Couple* called *Grumpy Old Men*.

Hollywood betting is for Warner to top the list this year. Its holiday films include *A Perfect World* with Clint Eastwood and Kevin Costner, and *The Pelican Brief*, which is billed as the comeback movie for Julia Roberts. Paul Bricault, analyst with Paul Kagan Associates, a Carmel-based film consultant, said: "Warner has by far the stronger field. It looks pretty much like a slam dunk."

Despite the cheer that all this will bring to some studio executives, none of them seems to be able to make a blockbusting comedy. Not one of the laughter movies released this year has made more than $100 million. Columbia's *Groundhog Day* came closest with $70.8 million. Neither Bette Midler's flying witch film *Hocus Pocus*, nor Woody Allen's *Manhattan Murder Mystery*, nor even Mel Brooks' remake of a classic story, *Robin Hood, Men in Tights*, could raise a box office titter.

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ACCOUNTANCY

Finance directors' wider role . . .

BY JANE SIMMS

"ACCOUNTING training is very good if you avoid being permanently scarred by it, but it is only 15 per cent of the training required to be a finance director," according to the finance director of an international group in a new survey on the changing role of the finance director.

Other respondents were more critical. "Unless the training changes," one senior finance chief said, "chairmen, chief executives and recruitment consultants will decide that the key aspects of the job are more closely matched by other qualifications ... the high ground will have been lost to the MBAs."

The study was done for the Institute of Chartered Accountants by the Interdisciplinary School of Management at the London School of Economics. It confirmed that the institute's qualification for finance directors may lose its pre-eminence, and even come to be seen as a disadvantage.

The report confirmed that the finance director is having to adapt to maintain his central role. Increasingly, he has to be more of a team player. Barriers between finance and other departments are falling, with more financial control responsibility decentralised, and central finance departments, in some cases, being "downsized".

Because of sharper competition and the need for "leaner" organisations, the finance director is expected to play a bigger role in forming strategy. Expertise in finance and accounting needs to be supplemented by general management and commercial skills.

At the same time, developments in corporate governance, partly linked to the Cadbury report, and in accounting standards are emphasising the finance director's role as watchdog, monitor and technical specialist.

Public company finance directors are spending more time on investor relations as institutions seek closer dialogue with companies in which they hold stakes.

The report says that criticism of chartered accountancy training for finance directors centred on the need to balance traditional auditing skills with preparation for general management. The most frequently mentioned gaps in training included marketing, inter-personal and leadership skills, information technology, business analysis and strategic planning. Some shortcomings are being addressed in the institute's curriculum review. However, the chartered accountant's predominance in the boardroom is being challenged by other accountancy bodies, other specialist qualifications and MBAs.

Although the institute is addressing the issue, there is little incentive for it fundamentally to change its training. After all, 97 per cent of accountants do not become finance directors of public companies.

Courtaulds Textiles has a tradition of appointing MBAs to the finance director post. Pippa Wicks, 30, a former Bain consultant, is the present incumbent. Martin Taylor, the chief executive, agrees that having a finance director who is an accountant is "useful, all else being equal", but notes that appointments depend on the company's culture. Courtaulds Textiles is a financially orientated company, where, Taylor says, "finance is in the board's blood". A finance director's ability to run the finance function, he says, "is almost secondary to whether they will make a good board director".

Simon Duffy, the MBA rather than accountancy-qualified finance director of Thorn EMI, makes the point that the MBA does teach accounting and finance skills, and judges that it represents "no worse" a training than accountancy for the finance director role.

Experience counts for more than initial training. Most companies recruit finance directors from within industry, and operational experience is seen to be vital. Indeed, some FDs hold a line job in addition to their functional role.

Public company finance directors of the future will have to demonstrate a raft of skills and qualities, gleaned from experience. It is a fair bet that, increasingly, they will eschew three years' slogging through articles in favour of a more practical training.

Jane Simms is editor of Financial Director

ALAN WELLER



Pippa Wicks, the finance director of Courtaulds Textiles, qualified as an MBA

. . . proves change is often painful

THE attitude of finance directors as a grouping within the business world has been a bit of a mystery in recent months. All the evidence showed that their role and influence in their companies and in the corporate sector were expanding inexorably. Yet whenever a collective utterance issued out of the secretive 100 Group of Finance Directors, their pressure group, it came in the form of a good old whinge about how they were all being asked to do too much in the corporate governance field, or that they were having to deal with proposals on the Cadbury committee that came from more than one promulgating working party and that really they couldn't cope.

But now we may have the answer. It came in the report from the English ICA's Board for Chartered Accountants in Business that was unveiled last week at a debate entitled: "Finance Director — Dinosaur or Dynamo" (see the article on the left).

The report was remarkably encouraging for finance directors. The recent emphasis on corporate governance being crucial for a company to build a structure that can deliver product efficiently to customers who want it has led to the rise of the finance director above colleagues on the board.

As Sir Geoffrey Owen, whose team at the LSE produced the report, put it at the debate, "finance directors are the only directors who can look across the whole company". His fellow debater, Peter MacFarlane, Allied-Lyons finance director, echoed this. He argued strongly that other directors are more rooted in particular divisions and technical streams of a company and so are less likely to be too critical of other people's fiefdoms. The report confirmed much of this. "There is a trend away from number-crunching and controls towards becoming part of a management team, concerned to add value and to stimulate change," it argued. Probably resulting from this, a majority of survey respondents said "the finance director had a closer relationship with the chief executive than any other director". And "there were several comments to the effect that the chief executive and the finance director were the only board members thinking continuously about the group as a whole".

One argued that "the finance director is a key player in the power triangle, consisting of the chairman, chief executive and finance director". Certainly anyone in regular contact with the brighter finance directors around knows this to be true. The tables in the report also show the growth over the past five years of the finance director's responsibilities for treasury, tax, investor relations and internal audit while areas like management accounting, pensions and insurance are being pushed further down the line and probably increasingly delegated to lesser souls.

But it is the changing role of the finance director that may explain the reason for their pressure group's complaints about corporate governance overload. Change is always difficult. The report shows this. "There is concern about the range of responsibilities which fall on today's finance director," it said, "and occasional suggestions that part of the job should be hived off."

This is where the 100 Group would see its gripe. Its perpetual complaining about finance directors being overloaded with regulations and corporate governance proposals stems from this. But it may be that the senior finance directors who complain are simply finding it harder to cope with the changes. Certainly their complaints are not borne out by the report's evidence. "As for accounting standards," it said, "the view of one senior finance director was that they have "made life more complex but accounts more transparent". Another welcomed the reduced scope for flexibility: "It means we have to spend less time considering imaginative financing schemes from investment bankers."

But overall the report's message was clear, and in direct conflict with the perceptions of the 100 Group. Finance directors do seem to be managing the dramatic change in their roles. "Changes in the finance director's role reflect changes taking place in business as a whole," concludes the report. "Stronger domestic and international competition is forcing companies to re-think or 're-engineer' the way they do business. The old idea of the finance department as an aloof, authoritarian department, checking and reporting on what other people are doing, is being replaced by a more participative and more open style."

We must just hope that the public face of the finance director, the rigid chartered accountant implacably opposed to change, as portrayed by the 100 Group, will also alter to reflect the new realities.



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Swinson terms settled

CHRIS Swinson, former national managing partner of BDO Binder Hamlyn who quit in hostile circumstances last year, has settled with his old firm. Swinson, now at Stoy Hayward, went to court over his severance package, and saw the matter settled earlier this month. He has proved curiously reluctant to discuss the terms. John Norton, BDO's senior partner, said: "He was paid out on the same basis as any other partner who leaves." This usually includes extra income and a share of profits to date, less any earnings. Swinson was ousted from BDO in June 1992 after strategy disagreement.

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Europe	204.10	217.30	-0.30	0.70
Euro Smlr Cos	92.17	97.69	-0.36	0.99
Income Gwth	333.90	356.40	-1.20	4.30
Japan	308.60	328.10	-7.50	...
Pacific	111.50	118.60	...	0.69
UK Smlr Cos	46.95	49.95	-0.08	1.08
Japan Fd	711.40	732.20	-14.00	...
Mngd Fd	166.00	176.60	-0.60	2.74

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit & Oseas	281.60	296.40	...	1.19
Capital Gwth	111.50	117.40	...	2.31
Wwide Opps	183.40	193.10	...	0.49

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	331.10	347.00	+1.30	2.85
European Bd Inc	99.49	103.00	-0.30	7.25
Exempt	73.92	78.93	+0.39	4.11
Financial	70.14	75.02	-0.18	2.55
500	426.70	457.50	+0.10	2.60
General	261.40	279.60	-0.80	2.65
Property	245.80	263.60	...	6.04
Trustee	176.80	189.10	+0.50	2.46
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60	...	4.84
Extra Income	114.20	122.10	+0.30	4.30
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.56	63.63	+0.03	7.93
Income	523.20	559.70	+2.80	4.12
Income Builder	64.49	68.60	-0.23	4.84
Intl Income	65.95	70.16	-0.25	2.95
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	113.10	120.80	+0.50	2.72
Leisure	107.10	114.50	-0.50	1.69
Recovery	389.80	416.90	+1.20	2.74
Smllr Cos Inc	38.71	41.51	-0.07	2.28
Special Sits	257.20	275.10	+0.90	2.09
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	128.60	136.40	-0.10	0.23
Aust Acc	227.90	242.50	-0.30	1.49
Aust Inc	143.80	153.00	+0.20	1.49
Euro Gwth Inc	128.10	136.00	-0.30	0.47
Japan & Gen Inc	170.00	180.00	-5.50	...
Japan Spec Sits	74.18	78.58	-3.07	...
Univ Tech Inc	70.94	75.38	-0.58	0.51
Worldwide	162.00	172.00	-1.90	0.41

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	97.33	103.30	+0.40	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	126.20	135.00	...	...
Cash Trust	50.21	50.21	...	5.60
Convertibles	57.21	61.18	-0.01	6.20
Eastern	257.30	277.20	+2.20	1.60
Equity Income	89.17	94.86	-0.20	5.60
European Growth	263.80	280.50	-0.20	1.90
Europe	181.40	193.90	-0.10	1.50
German Growth	72.32	77.04	-0.12	0.70
Global Bond	69.44	73.27	-0.34	5.30
Global Growth	120.30	128.70	+1.10	...
Japan Growth	191.30	205.60	-3.30	...
Japan Sunrise	167.20	179.00	-1.70	...
Korea Trust	61.06	65.38	-0.71	...
Portfolio	128.40	137.10	-0.20	3.20
UK Growth	88.67	94.32	-0.31	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	89.40	95.61	-0.22	1.90
Select Managers	71.18	76.17	-0.09	2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3300

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth Port Inc	74.55	79.31	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	49.69	52.86	...	...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	170.00	181.80	-1.30	0.52
Dividend	78.18	83.61	-0.12	4.57
Intl Gth & Inc	217.90	233.00	-0.80	2.82
UK & Gen	43.33	46.34	-0.29	1.39
Fund of Funds	62.87	67.24	-0.62	...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 6020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	100.50	107.40	-0.34	1.55
Smaller Cos	91.91	98.30	...	1.03
Higher Yield	42.35	45.29	-0.31	3.01
American Gth Inc	65.43	69.98	-0.58	...
European Growth	115.73	123.78	-0.33	0.17
Global Bond Inc	30.73	32.60	-0.10	4.86
Mngd Pfolio Inc	39.69	42.45	-0.22	1.09

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Short Dated Gilt	69.32	70.26	+0.05	4.96

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	141.20	150.30	-0.30	1.51
UK Growth	156.30	166.30	+0.70	2.06
UK Income	131.00	139.40	+0.40	4.06

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Can Gen Dist	180.00	190.80	-0.70	1.89
-do- Income Dist	108.90	115.40	-0.20	4.63
Gilt & Fxd Int	43.99	46.63	+0.11	5.96

For Cannon see Lincoln National

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American & Gen	142.00	151.10	+0.30	0.01
European Inc	71.96	76.16	+0.02	0.72
Far East & Gen	63.59	67.65	-1.29	...
Smaller Cos (4-1)	74.41	79.17	+0.36	1.80
Growth	401.70	429.70	-1.70	2.25
Income & Growth	402.30	428.00	-1.80	3.56
Master Portfolio	10236	10628	-47000	2.03
Special Sits	92.76	98.69	-0.24	2.19
High Yield	1282.0	1322.0	-5.00	4.10

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 581

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth Tst	36.95	39.51	-0.14	0.93
Cash Income	50.04	50.04	...	5.40
European Gwth	36.15	38.54	-0.03	0.91
Income & Gwth Inc	26.97	28.84	-0.05	4.29
Intnl Gwth	30.54	32.66	-0.15	0.79
Japan Gwth	25.98	27.78	-0.55	...
Managed Tst Inc	47.27	50.55	-0.01	0.52
Oriental Opps Inc	143.90	153.90	+0.30	0.64
Property Shares	40.67	43.49	+0.12	1.87
Smaller Cos	28.80	30.80	-0.04	1.72
UK Growth Tst	24.24	25.92	-0.06	2.91
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	69.79	74.64	-0.10	1.72
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.52	69.00	-0.06	2.48
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	23.93	25.74	-0.11	0.41
European Acc	24.82	26.70	-0.11	...
Financial	141.40	151.30	-0.30	2.66
Foundation	83.75	89.57	+0.01	2.90
German	49.48	52.70	-0.58	0.07
High Income	76.24	81.54	-0.12	6.25
Income	128.90	137.30	-3.40	3.89
Intl Growth	36.72	39.11	-0.15	0.16
Mngd Pfolio Inc	97.44	104.20	...	1.70
Mngd Pfolio Acc	195.40	198.20	-0.10	...
Monthly Income	75.96	80.90	-0.26	3.98
North American	110.00	117.60	+0.20	0.15
Orient	138.70	148.30	-1.60	...

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	79.70	84.18	-0.30	2.36
American Portfolio	89.33	95.23	-0.08	0.96
European Portfolio	83.30	88.97	-0.50	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	61.68	65.71	-1.53	...
Pacific Portfolio	133.63	143.69	-0.25	0.82
UK Inc & Growth	70.93	76.01	-0.30	4.14
Utility & Bond	55.89	56.56	-0.31	6.27

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK General Tst	62.95	66.97	-0.28	2.99
Global Tst	57.86	61.55	-0.18	0.31
Recovery Tst	65.39	69.56	-0.24	1.89

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7667

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	134.47	141.54	+1.26	1.80
UK Growth	103.67	109.13	-1.00	2.40
UK Income	110.27	116.08	+3.54	4.18

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	89.30	94.59	-1.25	1.77
Beck Bio-Tech	43.38	46.15	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	154.56	162.70	...	1.14
City Fin Assets	66.50	70.00	...	1.75
City Fin America	79.43	83.61	-2.73	...
City Fin Intl	72.11	75.90	-3.34	0.52
City Fin Japan	156.44	164.67	-10.27	...
Friars Hse Cap	257.60	271.16	...	2.40
Friars Hse Inc	193.26	203.43	...	5.01
Buckley Wrld Grth	129.23	137.48	-0.57	0.73
Fairmnt Cap Gth	132.35	139.32	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	109.23	114.98	...	2.34
Fairmount Intl	148.74	156.57	...	...
City Fin Pflio Inc	59.89	63.71	...	3.50

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	51.96	55.02	-0.58	...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	56.58	60.51	+0.22	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.29	38.81	-0.32	0.17
Dragon Growth	70.01	74.88	+0.06	0.61
Equity High Inc	80.91	85.85	-0.18	3.75
European Gwth	45.58	48.36	-0.04	1.23
Evergreen	28.72	30.72	-0.13	...
General Equity	79.63	84.49	-0.26	2.36
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.35	28.74	-0.03	8.09
Japan Growth	45.09	48.22	-1.21	...
Pedigree Gwth	47.71	50.89	-0.06	2.16
Ped Sm Cos Inc	30.03	31.86	-0.04	0.92
Retirement Inc	25.65	27.58	-0.05	5.45
Special Sits	35.11	37.55	...	1.84
UK & Overseas	47.03	49.90	...	2.12

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 890 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	61.96	66.27	-0.28	2.90
Income	59.52	63.66	-0.17	3.91

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ 081 686 9838
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	155.97	165.93	-1.96	5.33
Fixed & Convertible	45.22	48.11	+0.02	5.90
Monthly Inc Plus	51.81	55.12	+0.04	8.13
Preference Share	49.55	52.71	-0.01	7.21
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.24	134.30	-0.38	6.12
Managed Fund	65.64	69.83	-0.19	2.89
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.37	40.82	-0.15	2.01
UK & General	72.90	77.55	-0.26	2.79
UK Growth	128.52	136.72	-0.30	1.66
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	166.22	176.83	-0.11	...
Far Eastern Grth	127.41	135.54	-1.05	0.31
Global Bond	86.85	92.28	-0.54	5.78
Gold & Coms	65.34	69.26	-0.43	...
Japan Growth	109.54	116.53	-3.19	...
North Amer Grth	160.27	170.50	-0.18	...
Oriental Growth	77.38	82.32	+0.13	...
Worldwide Growth	60.80	64.68	-0.36	0.26
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.98	91.98	+0.01	5.00
Homemaker Fund	72.83	77.48	-0.02	1.98
Quilter Fund	129.45	137.71	-0.52	2.16

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 840

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Inc	55.32	58.85	-0.15	3.00
High Income	32.90	35.00	-0.09	4.50
Japan	32.64	34.72	-0.74	...
Smaller Cos Inc	28.59	30.41	-0.10	2.40
Smaller Cos	29.76	31.65	-0.10	2.40
North American	31.92	33.95	-0.27	0.60
European	33.32	35.44	-0.01	0.40

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	30.33	32.56	...	4.55

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	782.70	796.50	...	3.77

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 370

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	65.87	70.08	+0.12	1.84
Income	226.10	240.60	-0.50	3.66
Smaller Cos	134.90	143.60	-0.30	1.13
Inv Portfolio	71.93	76.53	-0.06	2.24
High Income Port	64.80	68.94	-0.16	3.95

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 410 0177

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Euro Small Cos	1357.6	1385.4	...	...
Japan Small Cos	1164.1	1187.4	...	...
UK Small Cos	1620.8	1692.7	...	...
US Small Cos	1614.9	1660.2	...	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Disc Inc	178.90	188.30	...	2.90

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gwth	226.80	240.30	...	1.25
New Asia	199.60	216.20	...	0.36
Japan Growth	119.90	127.30	...	...
Jap Smllr Co	487.40	518.50	...	...
Nth Amer	237.90	252.80	...	0.96
Shifrd Asia Pac Mt	110.60	119.00	...	0.53
UK Inc & Grth	206.80	220.80	...	3.67

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	131.90	140.30	-0.10	2.45
UK High Inc Inc	143.10	152.20	+0.30	5.82
UK Pref & F I Inc	63.92	67.76	+0.23	6.50
Envrnmntl Opps	74.97	79.76	-0.06	1.54

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	118.00	126.00	-0.70	0.40
Convertibles	23.22	24.67	-0.02	7.90
Equity Income	130.20	138.30	-0.60	3.62
EuroFund	41.49	43.90	-0.18	0.91
Growth & Inc	226.10	240.20	-0.80	3.12
High Dist	153.50	163.10	-0.50	4.60
International	356.80	378.80	-1.70	0.86
Intl Income	92.15	98.37	-0.75	2.64
Latin American	39.55	42.02	-0.66	0.30
Pacific	77.76	82.62	+0.25	0.36
Smllr Jap Cos	70.91	75.34	-1.80	...
Tokyo	199.70	211.90	-4.30	...
UK Smaller Cos	216.00	229.50	-0.70	1.09
Formerly Target				
Financial	47.01	49.95	-0.33	2.42
Japan & General	158.50	168.30	-3.40	...
Preference Share	23.90	25.39	...	7.17

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 70538

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Elcon Trust	203.20	217.20	...	...

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance Fd	191.30	203.50	...	0.46

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	70.07	73.76	-0.23	1.83
Far Eastern	294.88	310.40	-1.52	1.38
High Income	127.62	134.34	-0.26	4.62
Intl Growth	108.92	114.66	-0.80	1.26
North American	113.23	119.19	-0.08	1.05
Pelican	111.53	117.40	-0.20	3.19
Smaller Cos	70.51	74.22	-0.97	2.01
Special Sits	84.11	88.54	+0.08	2.03
Tst of Inv Tsts	169.99	178.94	-0.67	2.10

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos Inc	185.12	188.90	-0.22	1.79
Smaller Cos Acc	320.49	327.03	-0.39	1.79
Recovery	44.71	45.62	+0.01	2.33

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	116.26	123.57	+0.16	5.06
Capital Growth	73.16	78.46	+0.14	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	40.12	42.80	-0.10	0.26
High Income	46.73	49.85	-0.04	8.99
Warrant	54.27	58.09	-0.28	...
Zero Preference	36.66	38.90	+0.07	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 787

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Family Asset Tst	70.59	75.09	...	2.80
Family Income Tst	49.24	52.38	...	6.36
Family Trust	79.16	84.21	...	1.73
United Charities	233.00	247.80	...	3.76

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	5.00
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	25.05	26.40	-0.01	3.22
-do- Europe	25.03	26.37	-0.09	4.93
-do- America	23.87	25.15	-0.22	0.59
-do- Acc Japan	28.13	29.77	-0.18	0.84
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	31.09	31.38	+0.01	6.44
Intl Bond	32.03	33.45	-0.24	5.08
Income Funds				
High Income	27.20	28.63	-0.08	5.07
Income Plus	116.90	124.30	-0.40	3.58
Amer Eq Inc	47.28	50.16	-0.27	0.78
European Income	39.97	42.50	-0.13	2.80
Far East Inc	62.17	66.57	-0.42	2.56
Global Convertible	23.22	24.77	-0.04	2.42
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	60.40	64.43	-0.12	...
American	225.50	239.10	+1.20	...
Amer Spec Sits	104.60	111.80	-0.50	...
Japan Smaller Cos	37.36	39.86	-0.75	...
European	146.80	156.10	-0.90	...
European Opps	54.47	57.92	-0.21	...
UK Growth	79.02	84.02	-0.23	...
Growth & Inc	147.20	156.60	-0.50	3.20
Intl PEP	32.86	34.94	-0.08	...
Japan Spec Sits	81.86	87.45	-2.30	...
Japan	171.60	183.30	-3.60	...
Managed Intl	246.30	263.20	-0.10	...
Moneybuilder	47.29	50.45	-0.23	...
Recovery	39.72	42.24	-0.18	...
South E Asia	151.10	161.20	+1.00	...
Special Sits	462.90	492.20	-6.70	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	105.40	111.00	-0.10	3.44
UK Reverse Index	86.54	91.14	+0.22	4.20
Europe Index	110.50	116.40	...	4.88
-do- Reverse Index	75.07	79.47	-0.53	7.37
America Index	102.00	107.40	-0.30	0.93
-do- Reverse Index	95.03	100.20	-1.60	1.04
Japan Index	116.80	123.00	-2.80	1.11
-do- Reverse Index	108.60	114.40	+1.50	1.47
Cash Accum Units	103.49	103.49	+0.01	5.00
Fidelity Select Personal Pension Portfolios				
American	201.50	214.50	+1.10	...
Amer Spec Sits	183.80	195.80	+0.90	...
Cash	152.70	162.70	...	...
European	236.60	252.00	+1.10	...
1992 Euro Opps	214.30	228.30	+1.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	154.30	164.40	+0.10	...
Global Conv	121.20	129.10	-1.50	...
Income Plus	147.50	157.10	+1.20	...
Japan Spec Sits	108.70	115.80	-2.10	...
Japan	97.37	103.70	-1.00	...
Managed	178.80	190.50	+1.00	...
South East Asia	351.00	373.90	+5.80	...
Special Sits	175.70	187.20	+1.20	...
UK Growth	144.60	154.10	+1.20	...

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
31 Sun Street, London EC2M 2QP 071 377 9242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	130.50	133.70	-1.60	2.26
Inc Pfolio	84.96	86.61	-0.07	3.69
Cap Pfolio	139.50	142.60	-0.20	0.62
General Opps	122.60	124.30	-0.70	3.45
Growth Inc	29.47	30.04	-0.02	2.27
Private Portfolio	404.20	412.30	-7.80	1.48

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	102.90	108.80	-0.40	0.45
Far Eastern	154.20	165.50	-2.40	...
High Income	23.36	24.87	-0.04	10.00
Oseas Income	98.05	105.20	-0.60	2.85
UK Growth	101.70	108.80	-0.40	1.07
UK Income	103.80	111.30	-0.40	5.40
US Smaller Cos	285.70	305.60	-1.50	...

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc Eqty	48.67	51.78	-0.10	4.02
-do- Inv Tst Inc	71.66	76.22	-0.07	4.07
Intl Growth	67.27	71.56	...	1.26
Investment Trust	82.57	87.84	-0.12	0.25
UK Smaller Cos	76.48	81.36	-0.02	1.35

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	54.02	57.45	...	...
(Accum Units)	54.02	57.45	...	...
Amer Smllr Cos	479.80	502.10	...	...
(Accum Units)	479.80	513.10	...	...
Capital Tst	292.50	311.10	...	1.74
(Accum Units)	411.60	437.60	...	1.74
Contl Smllr Cos	52.08	55.88	...	0.76
(Accum Units)	54.44	58.41	...	0.76
Convertible	130.40	138.70	...	5.00
(Accum Units)	247.60	263.30	...	5.00
Emerging Markets	72.74	77.71	...	...
(Accum Units)	72.74	77.71	...	...
European	107.20	114.40	...	0.44
(Accum Units)	111.70	119.20	...	0.44
Extra Income	317.50	337.70	...	3.62
(Accum Units)	454.70	483.60	...	3.62
Financial	120.80	129.50	...	0.49
(Accum Units)	126.50	135.60	...	0.49
Gilt Trust	68.39	70.52	...	5.79
(Accum Units)	90.54	93.36	...	5.79
Health Fund Inc	134.10	143.20	...	...
(Accum Units)	134.10	143.20	...	...
Income & Growth	187.20	199.10	...	3.62
(Accum Units)	271.30	288.50	...	3.62
Intl Growth	349.50	374.10	...	...
(Accum Units)	388.10	415.40	...	...
Japan & Gen	180.90	193.40	...	...
(Accum Units)	182.70	195.30	...	...
Managed Port Inc	99.28	104.50	...	0.73
(Accum Units)	104.40	109.80	...	0.73
Monthly Income	160.20	170.40	...	3.75
Quarterly Income	52.80	56.16	...	5.40
(Accum Units)	54.00	57.44	...	5.40
Recovery	319.60	341.70	...	0.31
(Accum Units)	375.40	401.40	...	0.31
UK Growth	49.08	52.45	...	2.67
(Accum Units)	49.08	52.45	...	2.67

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts
Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FP Equity Dist	367.82	391.30	+1.05	2.56
-do- Accum	759.11	807.56	+2.16	2.56
FP Euro Gth Dist	119.69	127.33	+0.01	0.68
-do- Accum	124.31	132.24	+0.01	0.68
FP Fixed Int Dist	142.16	150.37	+0.60	5.61
-do- Accum	243.27	257.32	+1.03	5.61
FP Intl Gth Dist	84.65	90.05	-0.61	0.60
-do- Accum	87.88	93.49	-0.63	0.60
FP Nth Amer Dist	182.69	193.53	-1.20	0.56
-do- Accum	199.12	210.93	-1.30	0.56
FP Pac Basin Dist	281.70	299.68	-2.81	0.01
-do- Accum	287.08	305.40	-2.86	0.01
Stewardship Dist	318.52	338.85	+0.19	1.89
-do- Accum	382.38	406.79	+0.23	1.89
Swrdshp Inc Dist	69.18	73.60	-0.11	3.31
-do- Accum	86.76	92.30	-0.13	3.31
N Am Stshp Dist	100.97	107.41	+0.01	...
-do- Accum	106.81	113.63	+0.01	...

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
GANDA	224.80	237.70	+1.10	2.16
Cash	49.39	50.13	+0.01	4.73
Growth Portfolio	78.01	82.69	-0.13	0.36
Income Portfolio	66.55	70.37	+0.20	3.64

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Spec Sits	150.90	161.40	-0.60	...
European	459.20	489.50	-1.70	1.47
Far East & Gen	255.90	273.70	-4.40	0.27
Germany	117.80	125.30	-0.50	...
Global Assets Inc	78.24	82.99	...	0.91
Income Inc	142.40	152.30	-0.50	5.18
International	313.20	334.40	-1.80	0.70
Intl Income	84.22	89.40	+0.04	3.95
Japan & General	398.60	424.10	-6.60	...
Korean Securities	62.39	66.71	-0.07	0.20
Smllr Cos Div Inc	47.41	50.71	-0.53	5.72
UK Capital (Inc)	169.80	181.60	-1.40	1.93
UK Spec Sits	82.40	88.13	-0.07	0.38
US & General	127.40	135.50	-0.20	...
Wwide Spec Sits	145.80	155.40	+0.50	0.10

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421
Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.98	51.36	-0.11	2.06
Cash Trust	131.25	131.25	+0.01	5.05
Practical Inv Inc	110.70	118.54	-0.25	3.72
UK Index	139.16	141.56	-0.42	3.05
UK Smaller Cos	105.09	112.70	-0.21	1.53
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.18	29.07	+0.01	8.70
High Income	33.96	36.32	-0.11	4.79
UK Equity Income	137.86	147.44	-0.71	3.62
Global Bond	30.53	31.63	-0.16	4.62
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	55.60	59.62	+0.10	...
Global Inc & Gth	130.02	138.54	-0.50	1.58
Gold & Intl Res	105.23	112.85	-1.48	0.61
Global Utilities	128.24	137.16	-0.46	0.72
Overseas Funds				
American	135.78	145.11	-0.54	0.50
European	90.54	95.95	+0.02	0.94
Euro Sel Opps	112.66	119.87	-0.22	0.23
Amer Emerging	94.60	101.45	-0.18	...
Hong Kong	154.10	165.25	+1.80	1.00
Japan	212.74	226.08	-5.22	...
Pacific Growth	212.23	227.59	+0.64	...
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	197.56	197.56	-0.86	1.92
Long Term Bal	218.41	218.41	-0.88	2.06
Med Term Bal	186.67	186.67	-0.36	2.60
UK Equity	218.36	218.36	-0.42	1.55
UK Emerging Cos	129.66	129.66	-0.32	2.09
American	229.07	229.07	-0.45	1.28
Japan	120.03	120.03	-2.94	...
European	227.54	227.54	-2.81	1.05
Index Linked Gilt	171.16	171.16	-0.22	2.99
Fixed Interest	163.65	163.65	+0.44	6.35
Amer Emergng	248.18	248.18	-0.94	...
Pacific	225.04	225.04	-5.53	0.64
Emerging Mkts	168.62	168.62	-1.08	...
Index Strat Japan	143.59	143.59	-9.40	0.25
-do- Pacific Rim	187.17	187.17	+4.62	1.42
-do- Cont Europe	130.74	130.74	-5.55	1.84
Index Strat USA	129.31	129.31	-2.79	2.15
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	93.51	99.48	-0.43	...
Med Term Bal	88.80	94.47	-0.18	...
Long Term Bal	98.46	104.75	-0.42	...
UK Equity	100.85	107.29	+0.21	...
UK Emerging Cos	60.82	64.70	-0.16	...
American	106.55	113.35	-0.22	...
Japan	57.52	61.51	-1.51	...
European	95.71	101.82	-0.52	...
Fixed Interest	81.94	87.17	+0.24	...
Index Linked Gilt	75.83	80.67	-0.13	...
Deposit	76.04	80.90	+0.01	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Grth	118.00	124.21	-0.87	...
Berkeley Income	110.68	116.50	-0.27	2.19
SWH Intl	130.45	137.32	-0.95	0.62
Brailif Gth Port Inc	58.04	61.26	-0.25	2.90
-do- Inc Port Inc	57.47	60.65	-0.12	3.75
-do- Wwide Port	50.99	53.82	-0.44	1.00
Shaw Utilities	53.24	56.19	-0.34	3.79

GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Opportunities	128.60	136.20	-0.90	...
Higher Income	118.70	125.10	-2.70	3.26

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management Ltd
12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
& Intl Inc	528.95	562.71	...	0.08
European Inc	132.53	140.99	-1.53	2.40
Amalgam Inc	138.59	146.75	-0.49	0.35
N America Inc	314.82	334.91	...	...
Far East Inc	318.37	338.69	...	0.20
UK Divid Inc	151.91	161.61	-0.55	1.23

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	83.58	87.99	+0.21	4.02
UK Small Cos	46.05	49.26	-0.10	1.10
British Growth	53.04	55.98	-0.12	2.14
American Gwth	145.19	155.28	-0.62	...
Japan Gwth	75.25	80.47	-1.72	...
Greater China	184.34	197.15	-1.31	0.95
Pacific Strategy	158.48	169.50	-1.95	0.15
European Gwth	73.16	78.25	+0.14	0.52
Intl Growth	142.99	152.93	-0.96	0.24
US Index (£)	13.554	14.282	-0.056	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	71.14	75.28	+0.10	2.15
Monthly Income	45.91	48.72	-0.04	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
UK Index (£)	11.150	11.659	-0.026	4.40
Euro Index (£)	12.019	12.578	-0.089	4.50
Japan Index (£)	9.7762	10.232	-0.106	1.85
US Index (£)	14.259	14.917	-0.064	1.50
Cash (£)	9.5273	9.5749	+0.000	5.10
UK Bear (£)	7.8765	8.2365	+0.020	4.40
European Bear (£)	8.7661	9.1730	-0.003	4.50
Japan Bear (£)	14.462	15.137	+0.183	1.85
US Bear (£)	9.1927	9.6171	-0.135	1.50
Dollar Bull (£)	15.765	16.500	-0.291	1.30
Dollar Bear (£)	7.1248	7.4494	+0.069	4.40
Gilt Bull (£)	11.507	12.122	-0.008	4.40
Gilt Bear (£)	7.3537	7.6868	-0.015	4.40
Dollar Cash (£)	10.675	10.728	-0.098	1.90
Grd UK Index (£)	10.638	11.206	-0.082	4.40

GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF
071 488 1212

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Small Cos	86.45	91.97	...	1.41
Bridge Income	264.66	281.55	...	5.16

GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	133.40	133.40	+0.10	4.49
European	400.00	427.30	-1.60	0.13
Gilt & Fixed	133.90	142.10	+0.70	4.79
Growth Equity	307.30	328.30	+2.00	2.04
Income Trust	119.80	127.90	+0.30	3.14
International	172.40	184.10	-1.00	...
Japan Trust	119.60	127.70	-3.00	...
Nth American	265.70	283.80	-0.70	0.27
Pacific	534.10	570.60	+1.90	...
Guardhill	453.40	484.40	+0.70	2.12

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE
071 522 2129

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
EMU Trust	112.42	116.60	-1.50	7.68
Global High Inc	115.87	120.36	-0.98	7.85
Prem Fixed Int	114.92	119.30	-0.31	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	102.10	108.56	-0.04	5.50
European Growth	87.45	92.97	-0.99	...
Intl PEP Trust	55.90	59.43	-0.43	...
High Income	112.47	119.58	-0.13	3.33
Recovery	327.10	347.80	-3.80	3.47
St Vinc High Inc	127.67	129.58	-0.03	7.57
Trop Bar Emer Co	216.40	230.10	-1.20	2.84
Trop Br Sm Co In	317.00	322.70	-0.10	3.10

HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD
PO Box 580, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838 868

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Advtg Inc	37.47	39.72	-0.10	1.51
Income Advtg Inc	31.83	33.75	-0.10	3.59

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Model Pfolio	186.40	197.80	+0.70	2.39
Smaller Cos	31.68	33.70	-0.03	1.84

HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD
PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Special Sits	267.74	286.48	-3.19	1.51
Best of British	58.98	63.09	-0.10	2.19
UK Smaller Cos	112.78	121.27	-0.93	1.53
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	254.37	270.90	-0.15	3.21
High Income	309.65	331.00	-1.08	3.86
Extra Income	279.25	297.28	-0.64	4.33
Pref & Gilt	48.49	52.12	-0.01	7.97
International				
International	348.42	366.09	-0.09	0.40
Global Bond	59.06	62.82	-0.09	6.25
Family of Funds	76.50	81.48	-0.64	0.50
Global Tech	140.03	149.75	+0.16	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	171.20	183.07	+1.08	0.18
European	420.06	444.86	-0.83	0.31
European Income	77.67	82.17	-0.26	2.38
Euro Smlr Cos	132.92	141.19	-0.27	0.42
Eur Sp Sits	54.55	58.00	-0.39	0.47
Japan Trust	199.21	212.18	-4.27	...
Japan Special Sits	230.92	245.89	-3.24	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	239.56	254.85	-1.44	...
North American	229.01	243.85	+0.31	0.11
American Smaller	101.06	108.03	+0.43	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolios				
American Growth	54.25	57.52	+0.23	...
Eur Sp Sits	47.13	49.97	-0.36	...
General Growth	39.63	42.02	-0.07	...
Global Tech	55.38	58.72	+0.06	...
Income Growth	38.59	40.91	-0.02	...
Japan Growth	24.55	26.03	-0.52	...
Overseas Growth	36.67	38.88	-0.20	...
Smaller Cos	20.14	21.35	-0.20	...
Special Opps	26.50	28.10	-0.22	...
Sterling Liquidity	35.98	37.48	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	45.73	48.49	-0.25	...

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	92.90	99.35	-0.19	1.98
Capital	163.30	174.60	-0.50	1.74
Dollar	325.90	348.50	+0.50	0.01
European	215.90	231.00	+0.10	0.47
Far East	303.60	324.70	+0.30	0.25
Financial	775.10	828.90	+1.00	1.46
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.12	29.21	+0.20	7.06
High Yield	107.30	114.70	-0.40	4.28
Income & Growth	142.90	152.80	-0.60	3.18
International	227.60	243.40	-1.50	0.07
Japanese General	179.60	192.00	-4.20	...
Japan Tech	64.57	69.05	-1.77	...
Nat Resources	65.33	69.87	-0.66	0.51
Portfolio	69.00	73.79	-1.07	1.87
Security	312.10	333.70	-0.80	1.93
Smaller Cos	116.90	125.00	-0.10	1.40
Special Sits	143.20	153.10	-0.20	1.44
UK Emerging Cos	76.17	81.46	+0.23	0.33
US Smaller Cos	72.85	77.91	+1.73	...

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 181 398
James Capel Unit Trusts
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 181 398

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Index Funds				
American Index	200.00	213.10	-1.00	1.20
Eurotrack 100	143.90	152.80	-0.30	1.02
Footsie Fund	114.90	121.30	-0.40	2.65
Japan Index	75.96	80.99	-1.53	0.13
Tiger Index	191.10	203.90	-1.30	0.48
Triple Index	109.10	116.40	+1.50	1.88
UK Index	131.70	140.60	-0.50	2.83
Active Funds				
American Growth	461.30	492.30	-4.20	0.16
Capital	563.20	601.10	-2.50	2.23
European Growth	93.63	99.39	+0.06	0.33
Far East Growth	101.60	108.40	-1.60	...
Global Bond	24.25	25.55	-0.07	5.55
Hong Kong Gwth	112.40	120.00	+1.20	0.56
Income	542.90	579.40	-1.70	3.85
Intl Growth	75.81	80.83	-0.85	0.10
Japan Growth	258.80	276.20	-7.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	33.27	35.44	-0.64	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	74.53	79.54	+1.24	...
Midland Unit Trusts				
Dealing 0742 520200				
Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	59.20	63.32	...	2.63
(Accum Units)	60.87	65.10	...	2.63
British Tst	81.07	86.71	-0.22	1.95
(Accum Units)	91.78	98.15	-0.25	1.95
European Growth	189.40	202.60	+0.10	0.46
(Accum Units)	239.40	256.00	+0.10	0.46
Extra High Inc	73.17	78.26	-0.06	5.75
(Accum Units)	132.40	141.50	-0.20	5.75
FT-SE 100 Index	51.25	54.81	-0.08	2.46
(Accum Units)	52.02	55.63	-0.08	2.46
Gilt & Fxd Int	59.49	61.94	+0.06	6.23
(Accum Units)	160.90	167.50	+0.10	6.23
High Yield	230.90	247.00	-0.10	4.69
(Accum Units)	553.90	592.30	-0.30	4.69
Income	292.90	313.30	-0.40	2.74
(Accum Units)	619.30	662.30	-0.90	2.74
Japan Growth	325.40	348.00	-9.50	...
(Accum Units)	343.40	367.20	-10.10	...
Mandarin Tst	123.00	131.60	+1.80	0.67
(Accum Units)	128.70	137.60	+1.80	0.67
Money Market UT	49.29	49.29	+0.01	4.64
(Accum Units)	74.06	74.06	+0.01	4.64
North American	174.80	187.00	-1.10	0.44
(Accum Units)	221.00	236.30	-1.50	0.44
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	94.75	100.80	-0.20	1.95
European Growth	90.23	95.98	-0.04	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	86.95	92.32	+0.09	6.01
Income	82.55	87.82	-0.12	3.00
Japan Growth	48.47	51.56	-1.40	...
Managed	65.55	69.73	-0.12	2.52
Money Market	82.08	87.00	+0.01	4.62
North American	84.96	90.38	-0.67	0.50
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	86.10	91.60	-0.24	1.93
European Growth	85.03	90.46	-0.04	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	82.21	87.27	+0.08	6.02
Income	81.14	86.32	-0.12	2.97
Japan Growth	48.42	51.51	-1.39	...
Managed	63.72	66.72	-0.12	2.49
Money Market	75.88	80.43	+0.01	4.57
North American	77.47	82.42	-0.59	0.59
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	86.43	91.95	-0.24	1.91
European Growth	83.01	88.31	-0.04	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	76.39	81.09	+0.07	6.09
Income	80.76	85.91	-0.12	2.97
Japan Growth	49.55	52.71	-1.42	...
Managed	65.96	70.17	-0.12	2.47
Money Market	71.44	75.73	+0.01	4.60
North American	85.86	91.34	-0.68	0.46

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	66.84	71.01	-0.09	0.58
Smaller Cos	27.15	29.02	-0.02	1.78
Special Features	29.93	31.80	...	1.59
(Accum Units)	35.68	37.90	...	1.59
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	73.95	78.57	-0.27	1.94
Accum Units	88.26	93.77	-0.32	1.94
General Equities	71.85	76.31	-0.07	2.66
Great British Cos	49.83	53.28	+0.04	1.62
Managed Invest	93.92	100.20	-0.50	1.07
PEP Managed	67.73	72.31	-0.14	2.11
Rupert Child Tst	79.15	84.42	-0.17	1.86
UK Growth	57.42	61.38	-0.03	1.59
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.53	50.53	+0.01	4.22
Cashbox (Acc)	56.97	56.97	...	4.22
Extra Income	86.30	92.16	-0.16	4.62
Gilt	30.00	31.60	+0.12	5.78
Income & Growth	40.86	43.60	-0.04	3.33
Minster Gilt & FI	80.09	81.87	+0.03	7.30
Preference Shares	18.44	19.59	+0.01	6.46
UK Income	331.00	353.80	-0.70	3.04
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	64.83	68.88	-0.09	1.00
Property Shares	76.69	82.52	+0.14	1.42
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	50.82	54.00	-0.30	0.76
US Smaller Cos	113.00	120.00	-1.30	...
(Accum Units)	114.20	121.30	-1.30	...
Europe Perf	128.70	136.30	-0.10	...
(Accum Units)	133.00	140.90	-0.10	...
Euro Smaller Cos	24.60	26.10	-0.02	...
French Growth	72.01	76.33	-0.11	0.13
Accum Units	76.93	81.54	-0.13	0.13
H Kong & China	95.82	101.80	+1.20	0.40
Intl Growth	53.99	57.36	-0.39	0.18
Accum Units	54.23	57.61	-0.40	0.18
Japan Perf	31.00	32.91	-0.73	...
Accum Units	31.00	32.91	-0.73	...
Japan Smaller Cos	37.61	39.93	-0.65	...
Singapore ASEAN	108.80	115.50	-0.80	...
Accum Units	109.50	116.30	-0.80	...
SE Asia	305.60	324.70	+0.80	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	90.38	96.41	-0.19	2.03
Intl Bond	59.21	59.97	-0.14	5.16

JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB
071 581 3020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Cap	171.70	182.70	-1.70	...
Income	133.44	141.96	-0.91	4.47
Res & General	147.60	157.00	-0.40	...
UK Growth	49.21	52.36	+0.13	1.84
International	76.21	81.07	-0.64	1.02
Ecology	79.44	84.51	-0.38	0.62
European	100.76	107.04	-0.86	...
Far Eastern	335.00	356.30	-0.30	...

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3
Dealers: 071 956 7354 Admin: 071 956 6600

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	55.88	59.45	-0.17	6.52
(Accum Units)	76.86	81.77	-0.24	6.52
Gilt Yield	126.10	133.00	-0.10	6.78
(Accum Units)	363.60	383.90	-0.10	6.78
Global Income	222.50	236.70	-1.30	3.64
(Accum Units)	491.20	522.50	-2.70	3.64
High Yield	141.10	150.10	-0.74	5.71
(Accum Units)	402.10	427.80	-2.12	5.71
Smllr Cos Div	51.99	55.31	-1.86	3.57
(Accum Units)	64.97	69.12	-2.33	3.57
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.77	99.76	-0.15	...
(Accum Units)	97.01	103.20	-0.20	...
North American	77.05	81.97	-0.69	0.41
(Accum Units)	94.35	100.40	-0.80	0.41
European Special	84.25	89.63	-0.15	1.39
(Accum Units)	88.39	94.03	+0.15	1.39
European	140.10	149.00	-0.50	1.50
(Accum Units)	183.20	194.90	-0.70	1.50
General	272.30	289.70	-1.00	3.08
(Accum Units)	447.30	475.90	-1.80	3.08
Japan	403.30	429.00	-7.10	...
(Accum Units)	407.80	433.80	-7.10	...
Japanese Special	235.30	250.30	-1.90	...
(Accum Units)	236.40	251.50	-1.90	...
Master Accum	232.40	247.20	-0.70	0.87
Pacific	322.70	343.30	-1.20	0.43
(Accum Units)	378.50	402.70	-1.30	0.43
Smaller Cos	105.10	111.80	-0.32	1.51
(Accum Units)	141.90	151.00	-0.40	1.51
UK Equity Growth	39.10	41.60	-0.13	1.68
(Accum Units)	72.79	77.44	-0.23	1.68

KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA
071 629 1683

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Income (Inc)	54.17	57.62	-0.24	4.40
Global Growth PEP	57.39	61.05	-0.49	...
Inv Trust PEP	47.66	50.70	-0.24	...
Higher Risk Invest	51.40	54.68	-0.32	...

LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	82.66	87.94	-0.26	0.88
Extra Income	25.14	26.74	-0.05	3.56
Far East	30.20	32.13	-0.31	0.26
Income & Gwth	75.65	80.48	-0.24	2.88
Intl Growth	55.79	59.35	-0.39	0.58
Japan	62.04	66.96	-1.70	...
Maximum Dist	100.30	102.30	+0.10	6.81
Nth Amer Equity	40.17	42.79	+0.01	0.37
UK Equity	89.97	95.71	-0.37	2.67

L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA
071 588 2800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	605.80	618.20	...	5.24
Intl & General	399.40	407.50	...	0.63

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inc & Growth Inc	55.38	58.91	-0.15	4.34
Smaller Cos	48.73	51.57	-0.15	0.97

LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester
GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Trust	234.40	249.40	-1.10	1.96
High Income	110.10	117.10	-0.20	3.56
International	88.21	93.84	-0.52	0.22
Recovery Trust	60.81	64.69	-0.07	1.33
European Trust	73.46	78.15	+0.12	1.07
Japanese Trust	42.08	44.77	-1.08	...
American Trust	75.80	80.64	-0.26	...
Managed	62.61	66.61	-0.45	0.50
Cash	51.26	51.26	-0.01	4.89

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Cap	336.80	341.80	...	2.96
UK Inc/Gth	371.50	377.20	...	3.37
UK Income	266.00	269.30	...	3.80
UK Sm Cos	227.50	236.10	...	1.71
Euro Gwth	108.70	109.60	...	0.35
N Amer Gwth	78.19	79.08	...	0.16
Jap & Pac Gth	79.32	80.40	...	...
Money Mkt	116.36	116.36	...	2.430

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	449.80	478.50	-0.80	2.52
Equity Income	99.26	105.60	-0.10	3.55
UK Tactical Allocn	54.74	58.12	-0.13	4.01
European	104.60	111.30	-0.10	1.01
Far Eastern	218.20	232.10	-1.30	...
Fixed Interest	56.71	60.23	+0.06	6.44
Gilt	97.01	102.90	+0.40	5.99
Global Growth	74.08	78.81	-0.38	0.01
Intl Bond	57.55	61.14	-0.36	4.37
Japanese	68.41	72.78	-1.41	...
North American	149.30	158.80	-0.60	0.30
Pacific Growth	116.80	124.30	-0.10	0.23
UK Index	59.37	62.66	-0.07	2.98
UK Recovery	85.18	90.62	+0.80	1.90
UK Smaller Cos	113.00	120.20	-0.70	0.91
US Index	59.65	62.95	-0.17	1.68
European Index	66.79	70.49	+0.03	1.66
Japan Index	39.64	41.84	-0.87	...
Worldwide	80.75	85.90	-0.31	1.53

LINCOLN NATIONAL FD MGRS LTD
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	46.98	50.25	-0.13	3.32
Income	58.16	62.20	-0.15	3.83
Far East	54.14	57.90	-0.50	...
North American	93.29	100.30	+1.48	...
Global	95.00	101.60	...	0.40
European	80.57	86.03	-0.35	0.91
Japan	106.20	113.60	-2.40	...
Intl Currency Bd	60.06	63.68	-0.34	5.98
SE Asia	117.30	125.50	+3.40	0.50
UK Capital Growth	85.04	90.95	-0.36	2.05

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	329.00	350.00	+5.60	2.73
Cash	502.50	502.50	+0.10	5.11
Contl Europe Gwth	56.42	59.39	-0.31	0.96
Extra Income	251.50	267.60	+4.00	3.86
German Growth	119.80	126.20	-0.60	...
Growth Portfolio	514.10	547.00	-0.50	0.20
Income	474.60	504.90	+8.40	3.60
Income Portfolio	509.50	542.50	+1.00	4.07
Japan Growth	95.48	101.60	-2.60	...
Master Trust	55.93	59.51	+0.05	1.32
N Amer & Gen	192.60	204.90	+0.60	...
N Am Sm Co/Rec	144.10	153.30	-2.40	...
Pacific Basin	278.40	296.20	+0.10	0.43
Small Cos & Recy	318.00	334.80	-0.90	2.38
UK Equity Gwth	127.60	135.80	+2.30	2.98
UK Equity Inc	111.20	118.40	+1.90	4.24
UK Growth	80.91	86.08	+0.25	2.28
Worldwide Gwth	307.20	326.90	-0.60	0.30
Premier Exempt	130.40	136.70	-2.10	2.65

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	63.17	67.78	-0.44	0.30
General	82.00	87.98	+0.30	2.70
Income	65.94	70.75	+0.16	5.00
International	60.80	65.24	-0.37	0.80
Japan	50.08	53.73	-1.09	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	64.46	69.16	-0.05	1.70

M & G SECURITIES
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer & General	404.40	427.70	-1.40	0.72
Amer Recovery	449.60	475.30	-1.90	0.31
Amer Smllr Cos	126.80	134.10	-0.60	...
Australasian	151.10	159.80	+0.20	1.26
Capital	735.50	777.80	+0.40	2.25
Charifund	681.40	688.30	+2.30	5.30
Commodity	320.70	339.10	-2.60	0.58
Compound Grth	891.30	900.30	-1.00	2.64
Dividend	38.00	40.20	-0.20	4.08
Equity Income	322.50	341.00	-0.40	4.49
Euro & General	445.10	470.70	-1.80	0.69
Euro Dividend	65.50	69.30	-0.40	3.69
Extra Yield	405.30	428.60	+1.60	4.15
Far Eastern	358.70	379.30	-0.40	0.39
Fund of Inv Tsts	581.50	614.90	+1.10	1.87
General	58.40	61.80	+0.40	3.81
Gilt Income	66.94	67.05	+0.27	7.04
Gold	64.50	68.20	-1.70	0.58
High Income	27.60	29.20	...	4.14
Intl Growth	74.90	79.20	-0.40	0.77
International Inc	99.90	105.60	-0.40	4.27
Japan & Gen	44.10	46.60	-1.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	147.50	156.00	-4.10	...
Managed Income	27.10	28.50	-0.07	3.95
Midland	57.60	60.90	-0.20	3.07
Pension Ex	894.00	916.40	+1.10	4.06
Recovery	38.60	40.80	...	2.51
Second General	67.80	71.70	-0.10	3.42
Smaller Cos	64.60	68.30	-0.30	2.90
Treasury	24.97	25.01	+0.01	5.05
Trustee	40.50	42.80	...	3.67

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	70.94	75.46	-0.14	0.50
High Income	288.90	307.30	-2.10	4.32
Intl Bond	68.53	72.05	-0.38	4.49
Intl Equity Growth	64.79	68.92	-0.26	0.56
N Amer Growth	95.88	102.00	+0.02	0.81
Special Sits Growth	20.25	21.54	+0.01	2.01
UK Growth	354.40	377.00	+1.40	2.66

MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian
062 082 5867

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Joint Investors	1272.6	1300.3	...	2.40

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	135.80	139.70	...	4.15

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St George's Way, Stevenage
Dealings: 0438 747 414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Units	180.50	193.10	+0.80	2.31
Gilt & Fxd Int	187.40	197.20	-0.30	6.53
Intl Growth	202.20	216.40	-1.90	0.14
North American	177.00	189.40	-0.90	0.25
Far East	250.80	268.20	+2.70	0.29
UK Smaller Cos	149.10	159.50	-0.20	1.78
European	71.29	76.35	+0.01	0.12
Japanese Growth	42.22	44.93	-1.18	...
Managed Pfolio	65.81	70.38	-0.23	1.42
High Income	185.50	198.40	+1.10	4.13

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
M & S Inv Pfolio	146.20	156.40	-0.38	1.97
-do- Accum	163.90	175.20	-0.38	1.91
UK Sel Pfolio	122.20	130.10	-0.23	2.12
-do- Accum	138.10	147.50	-0.23	2.12

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
5 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA
0204 364 842

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	70.02	74.68	...	3.29

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
031 479 4646

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	74.06	78.62	-0.09	4.09
European	77.12	81.87	-0.49	0.68
Income & Growth	75.54	80.19	-0.14	3.12
Nth American	60.43	64.15	-0.53	0.07
Far East	153.20	162.60	-2.30	...
Charities	114.60	121.70	+0.40	4.00
Japan	52.81	56.06	-0.80	...
Emging Mkts	107.00	114.40	-1.30	0.15
Intl Growth	103.40	109.80	-1.30	0.17
UK Growth	80.16	85.10	-0.10	1.85

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St EC4R 9AS
Dealing: 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	199.40	212.10	-1.70	...
American Opps	87.31	93.13	-0.59	...
British Blue Chip	75.24	80.12	+0.15	3.15
Cash	100.50	100.50	...	5.40
Emerging Mkts	116.80	125.60	-0.60	...
European Growth	220.00	233.20	+0.30	0.68
European Income	81.43	86.18	-0.22	2.83
General	484.20	516.50	+0.80	2.34
Govt Securities	101.40	104.50	+0.30	6.81
Gold & General	169.00	181.70	-2.60	0.52
Global Bond	132.40	139.20	-0.90	5.72
Income	148.60	158.20	+0.30	4.31
International	418.10	445.90	-1.10	0.63
Japan	179.50	190.40	-4.60	...
Long-Dtd Stlg Bd	106.50	112.10	-0.80	7.14
New Europe	157.40	167.90	+0.10	1.55
Pacific	126.40	134.80	+0.40	0.62
Portfolio	77.80	82.70	+0.01	2.74
Recovery	298.70	319.60	-0.70	2.82
UK Smaller Cos	54.10	57.71	-0.16	1.89
Institutional Funds				
UK Equity	528.40	541.90	+1.10	3.07
Amer Sm Cos Eqty	85.75	87.95	-1.25	...
The World Trader Funds				
Euro Eqty Bear (£)	9.0157	9.4085	-0.036	6.70
Euro Eqty Bll (£)	10.512	10.965	-0.053	6.70
Jap Eqty Bear (£)	11.036	11.486	-0.054	2.00
Jap Eqty Bull (£)	8.1479	8.4829	-0.098	2.00
UK Eqty Bear (£)	9.3218	9.7004	-0.002	4.80
UK Eqty Bull (£)	10.160	10.582	+0.016	4.80
UK Gilt Bear (£)	8.9620	9.3251	-0.001	4.80
UK Gilt Bull (£)	10.531	10.957	-0.003	4.80
US Equity Bear (£)	9.4306	9.8122	-0.116	1.90
US Equity Bull (£)	9.8914	10.292	-0.011	1.90
US Trsry Bear (£)	9.3771	9.7361	-0.161	1.90
US Trsry Bull (£)	9.9146	10.315	-0.032	1.90
US Curry Bear (£)	9.7844	10.180	-0.102	4.80
US Curry Bull (£)	9.6984	10.090	-0.100	4.80
Mercury Ster (£)	9.7395	10.129	+0.001	5.10

METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ
0707 662 253

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Eurogrowth Plus	103.60	110.21	+0.21	0.93
Intl Strategy	60.01	65.84	-0.19	0.72
UK Income Inc	75.41	80.22	+0.26	6.07

MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International (US$)	11.86	12.86	...	...

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	294.60	313.60	-0.70	...
European Gth Inc	335.00	357.30	-0.20	...
Intl Gwth	183.10	195.70	-1.10	...
UK Equity Inc	164.00	176.40	...	3.83
UK Ind Trckr Inc	151.40	162.00	-0.50	2.97
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	197.60	209.60	-0.90	1.38
Japan Tracker	72.74	77.05	-1.94	...
Asian Trader	213.30	232.20	-1.30	0.36
Managed Inc	140.90	151.50	-0.40	1.70
Deposit Inc	100.05	100.03	+0.02	4.83
Europa	149.30	160.10	-0.10	...
Genesis	140.20	153.10	-0.70	...
High Income	23.80	25.29	-0.05	10.00

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Acumen	91.70	93.76	+0.04	2.22
Acumen Inc	88.27	90.25	+0.03	2.22
Acumen Reserve	86.65	87.52	-0.30	6.98
-do- Inc	80.05	80.86	-0.27	6.98
American Income	170.20	174.70	-1.10	1.44
Cash Income	49.66	50.17	-0.01	4.82
Equity Income	96.49	97.49	+0.30	4.70
European	67.26	68.41	+0.02	1.24
Smaller Cos	71.16	74.40	-0.18	1.10
Olympiad	61.72	65.57	-0.29	0.11
Global Bond	48.94	49.46	-0.06	6.18
UK Growth	66.92	69.45	-0.09	1.84
Pacific Growth	106.70	110.30	-0.40	...
Japan Growth	91.89	93.64	-2.69	...

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Avon Equity	115.72	122.68	-0.47	2.93

NM UNIT TRUST MGRS
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 552 695
Dlg: 0705 882 680

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	102.60	109.10	-0.30	1.96
Open Cap Gth Inc	104.80	111.40	-0.50	3.06
NM Unit Trusts				
American	44.50	47.46	-0.22	1.16
Australian	307.70	330.10	-1.30	...
Conscience	65.99	70.42	...	1.30
European	185.30	195.80	-0.40	0.80
Extra Income	76.35	81.46	-0.14	5.45
Gilt & FI	61.92	65.35	+0.29	5.63
Gold	51.93	55.53	-0.72	...
Income	55.57	59.27	-0.28	4.77
Intnl	31.39	33.57	-0.24	0.63
Jap Smaller Cos	322.40	344.90	-5.30	...
Sing & Malaysian	243.50	261.10	-3.10	...
Smaller Cos	33.87	39.07	-0.31	0.73
Special Sits	33.87	36.47	-0.23	1.92
Sterling Deposit	100.60	100.60	...	4.75
Tokyo	79.42	84.71	-1.69	...
UK Equity	166.30	177.30	-0.80	2.35
US Smaller Cos	109.10	116.60	-1.50	...

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	72.07	75.61	-0.30	2.49
UK Income	106.30	113.10	-0.50	3.54
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.77	84.42	-0.04	5.54
Higher Income	214.40	228.10	-3.90	4.47
Smaller Cos	77.76	82.75	-2.99	1.45
International	94.00	100.00	-0.14	1.83

NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Americas Dist	105.70	113.00	-0.30	...
European Dist	92.71	99.15	-0.25	...
Far East Dist	164.00	175.40	-2.10	...
Global Care Dist	65.95	70.51	-0.39	1.87
Oseas Dist	959.70	1026.0	-6.00	0.20
UK Dist	327.00	349.70	-1.00	2.40
UK Extra Inc Dist	73.51	75.41	-0.17	3.78
Wwide Dist	95.18	101.79	-0.13	...
Wwide Inc Dist	64.95	69.45	-0.24	2.44

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Dlg: 0277 690 290 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	54.39	57.40	-0.07	0.54
Fund of Funds Inc	54.32	57.33	-0.11	0.68
North America Inc	49.32	52.05	-0.07	0.54
UK Equity Grth Inc	54.76	57.79	-0.07	1.94
UK General Inc	54.38	57.39	-0.08	2.16
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	51.29	54.01	+0.04	6.33
UK Income Inc	55.87	58.97	-0.11	2.75

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR
Dealer: 0500 448 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	217.07	230.95	-0.57	3.50
Global	324.18	344.88	-2.13	2.86
General	178.69	190.10	-1.26	1.50
Bond	136.97	145.43	-0.90	7.30
Growth	115.15	122.49	-0.48	1.72
Intrepid	108.73	112.85	...	1.70

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich
0603 682 234

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	116.51	123.95	-0.35	1.48
UK Equity	133.41	141.93	-0.48	3.08
UK Equity Income	127.93	136.10	-0.42	3.70
UK Smaller Cos	114.29	121.58	-0.50	2.02
UK Equity Growth	122.29	130.10	-0.28	2.35
UK Index Trckg	133.36	141.87	-0.02	3.39
Intl Index Trckg	138.18	147.00	-1.18	1.09
International	220.98	235.08	-0.83	0.74
European	164.22	174.70	-0.18	0.48
Pan European	118.18	125.72	-0.22	1.50
Nth American	160.02	170.23	-0.78	0.64
N Amer Smlr Cos	173.23	184.29	-0.99	...
Japanese	87.50	93.09	-1.68	...
Pacific	226.32	240.77	-0.26	0.26
South East Asian	251.13	267.16	+1.20	0.37
Intl Bond	137.32	146.08	-0.52	4.45
Gilt & Convertible	114.80	122.13	-0.06	7.15
Property	76.89	81.80	+0.04	6.62

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	231.20	246.00	+1.10	2.24
Growth	146.20	153.90	+0.70	2.45
Income	234.60	249.60	+0.80	3.39
Intl Equity	235.90	250.90	-1.90	0.68
UK Income	65.00	69.14	+0.25	2.81
UK Intl 25	74.39	79.14	+0.11	1.75
New Europe	66.83	71.09	-0.46	0.82

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth	545.74	583.68	-3.01	0.35
Income	321.25	343.59	-0.17	3.09
Wwide Recovery	341.86	365.63	-2.14	0.31
Amer Growth Inc	221.93	237.36	-0.25	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	227.09	242.88	+0.27	0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc	259.21	277.24	-1.21	0.09
Euro Gwth Inc	128.42	137.35	-0.57	0.59
UK Growth Inc	82.10	87.81	-0.23	2.58
High Income	90.36	96.65	-0.06	4.14
Jap Gwth Inc	202.34	215.32	-3.44	0.01
PEP Growth	110.70	118.40	-0.29	1.16
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	128.40	137.33	+1.14	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	132.67	141.90	+1.72	0.01
Global Bond	62.73	66.04	-0.14	5.70
UK Smaller Cos Inc	71.90	76.90	-0.07	1.56

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	101.38	107.85	-1.89	...
European	61.69	65.63	-0.78	0.29
Global	62.40	66.38	-0.74	...
Pacific	62.52	66.51	-0.76	0.06
UK Inc & Grth	61.13	65.03	-0.38	2.09

POINTON YORK UT MGRS
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX
0533 559 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
BRI Director Dlgs	92.16	98.15	-0.35	...

PORTFOLIO TRUST MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Portfolio	151.09	154.17	...	0.69

PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458 721

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	54.01	57.25	-0.21	2.72
Growth Income	54.31	57.56	-0.22	1.48

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN
0732 740 700

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Principal TR	127.36	135.49	+0.01	1.84

PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Income	98.81	105.10	-0.70	2.00
Conv & Gilt	116.00	123.40	-0.10	5.68
European Income	72.76	77.40	-0.56	2.55
Extra Income	147.80	157.20	-0.60	3.90
Far East	368.70	392.20	+0.20	0.41
Global Income	26.62	28.32	-0.10	4.49
High Income	113.00	120.20	-0.70	3.66
International	197.20	209.80	-1.00	0.64
Pref & Fxd Int	44.86	47.72	+0.02	6.88
Recovery	73.55	78.24	-0.18	1.86
Special Sits	100.70	107.10	-0.40	1.51
Technology	325.40	346.20	+0.80	...
UK Blue Chip	64.52	68.64	-0.70	2.85

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 Seasons, Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX
0622 674 751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	50.36	54.26	-0.18	2.80
International	87.66	93.28	-0.71	0.73
Gilt	26.03	27.68	-0.02	6.90
Income & Gwth	70.94	75.47	-0.02	4.01
European	44.97	47.84	+0.01	1.34
American	54.06	57.51	+0.68	0.05
Emerging Mkts	90.24	96.00	-0.71	0.53
UK Smaller Cos	27.99	29.78	-0.03	1.76
Gilt/Fixed Interest	27.53	29.29	+0.02	5.14
Global PEP	37.76	40.17	+0.37	1.82

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA
0256 768 888

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	209.80	224.40	-0.50	0.83
Japan Inc	97.360	104.10	-2.70	...
Nth American Inc	110.20	118.50	-0.40	0.12
Worldwide Inc	149.50	161.60	-0.80	0.75
Hong Kong Inc	155.50	167.70	+2.10	0.46
Swiss Equities Inc	60.87	65.13	+0.14	0.35
Wwide Bond Inc	65.45	69.48	-0.12	6.34
Emging Asia Inc	191.50	207.90	+0.10	0.41
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.12	51.14	...	5.36
Thailand Inc	131.80	142.80	+1.10	0.04
Gold Trust Inc	80.99	87.33	-1.29	0.19
New Zealand Inc	82.18	88.34	-0.37	0.51
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	60.56	65.43	-0.10	4.09
Latin Am Cnp Inc	77.11	82.52	-1.01	0.03
UK All Sh Mktr Inc	55.79	60.04	-0.07	2.16
Le Fond Francais	66.56	71.70	+0.10	0.70
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	74.07	79.22	-0.09	1.02
Global Portfolio	67.26	71.94	-0.53	...
Global Opps	67.42	72.12	-0.90	2.43
Marsh Global Grth	65.13	69.67	-0.01	1.00
AAM Global Equity	59.56	63.76	-0.59	0.74
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	52.95	56.66	-0.25	0.97
CAM Brit Inc Inc	43.99	47.60	-0.02	2.12
CAM Intl Recry Inc	45.06	48.09	-0.02	1.06
Temple Equity Inc	44.83	48.31	+0.02	2.28
Hartley Growth	71.91	76.50	-0.55	1.57
Intl Growth Inc	77.60	82.64	...	1.56
IPS Portfolio Inc	81.59	87.26	-0.09	0.24
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	50.98	53.71	+0.41	...
Premier Perfrms Inc	68.66	73.45	-0.04	0.35
Roxburgh Strat Gth	70.43	75.80	-0.08	0.79
Tech Analysis	96.99	104.90	-1.70	0.87
Rosebery Growth	47.17	49.81	-0.30	...
International Stra:	72.15	77.17	-0.51	...
UFC Ind-Acc Grth	52.44	56.26	-0.45	...
Coverdale Topout	50.56	54.31	-0.28	...
Prem Equity Inc	94.99	101.20	-0.30	...
Lowes Intl Growth	47.06	49.54	-0.10	...

PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA
071 588 3963

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth	154.90	164.80	+0.20	1.65
European Gth	86.58	91.63	-0.09	0.60
Income & Gth	127.70	135.90	...	2.86
Japan Gth	111.00	117.30	-2.00	...
Nth Amer Gth	108.50	115.40	-0.30	...
Overseas Gth	81.22	86.40	-0.42	...

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4400 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	34.04	36.40	-0.10	1.54
Cash Haven Inc	101.01	101.51	+0.01	4.56
Cash Haven Acc	107.14	107.67	+0.01	4.56
Global Growth	84.59	90.47	-0.21	1.19
Equity Inc	82.41	88.13	-0.23	3.70
Equity	684.34	731.91	-1.80	2.47
European	191.22	204.51	-0.29	0.86
High Income	91.48	97.83	-0.36	3.72
Intl Grth	171.49	183.41	-0.34	1.16
Intl Sm Co	73.67	78.79	-0.17	0.63
Japanese	183.88	196.66	-3.15	...
Nth Amer	157.78	168.74	-0.76	0.92
Pacific Mkts	99.17	106.06	-0.08	0.88
Premier Inc	52.00	54.14	+0.10	5.56
Sm Cos	84.01	89.85	-0.02	2.07
Spec Sits	103.15	110.32	-0.10	2.39
UK Growth	114.41	122.36	-0.23	2.15

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
0892 510 033

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Life	296.80	314.80	+0.90	3.09
Reliance Inc	162.90	173.10	-0.50	2.02

ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD
Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2855

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	92.33	97.96	-0.53	2.02

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4
Dealers: 071 280 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA America (Inc)	511.54	544.87	-0.76	0.60
FA America (Acc)	596.10	634.95	-0.87	0.60
FA UK Equity Inc	162.39	173.51	-0.71	3.38
FA Japan	258.10	274.76	-6.92	...
FA Major UK Cos	96.19	102.71	-0.50	2.16
FA Smllr UK Cos	273.62	297.09	-1.51	1.08
FA European	278.73	295.00	-1.88	0.78
FA Amer Smllr Cos	46.14	49.28	-0.10	...
FA Asia	52.55	56.38	+0.38	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	47.11	49.72	-0.10	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	93.53	98.44	+0.48	...
UK Smllr Cos	77.25	81.31	-0.41	...
UK Income	93.29	98.19	+0.40	...
America	101.94	107.30	-0.16	...
Japanese	56.46	59.42	-1.50	...
European	88.26	92.90	-0.59	...
Gilt	88.12	92.75	-0.33	...
Deposit	78.58	82.71	-0.01	...
Managed	95.95	100.99	+0.22	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	91.31	96.11	+0.48	...
UK Smaller Cos	75.69	79.67	-0.41	...
UK Income	91.27	96.07	+0.39	...
America	99.53	104.76	+0.15	...
Japanese	55.13	58.02	-1.47	...
European	86.19	90.72	-0.58	...
Gilt	87.11	91.69	-0.33	...
Deposit	75.23	79.19	...	...
Managed	90.65	95.41	+0.16	...

ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000
Dealing: 0733 395 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United States	69.17	73.96	-0.20	0.12
Pacific Basin	77.82	83.46	-1.10	...
High Inc Dist	124.20	132.80	+0.10	4.57
Ryl Life Inc Cnsv	61.34	66.26	-0.63	3.45
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	63.30	67.63	-0.60	0.35
Ryl Life Intl Spec	57.13	60.77	-0.29	...
UK Emerging Cos	111.20	120.20	-0.50	1.57
UK Index Trckg	157.40	167.70	+0.80	3.18
European	107.50	115.50	-0.40	0.31
Managed	134.70	144.80	-0.60	0.89

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA
0206 764 400

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	145.20	153.70	+0.60	0.26
European Growth	97.50	103.10	-1.10	0.75
Far East Growth	129.70	138.00	-2.30	0.37
Japan Growth	141.10	150.10	-1.10	...
Special Sits	184.00	195.70	-0.20	1.37
UK Growth	71.17	75.71	-0.02	1.89
Triton General	223.80	238.10	-1.20	0.70

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS
041 307 6500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East Inc	173.10	183.20	-0.30	0.17
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	298.60	316.00	+0.20	0.17
Growth Inc	115.40	122.10	...	0.23
International Inc	302.50	320.10	+0.30	0.06
Nth Am & Intl Inc	309.60	327.60	+1.40	0.47
PEP Prog Inc	198.50	210.00	+0.20	1.93
UK High Inc Inc	133.30	141.10	...	3.23

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ
071 330 0572

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	63.05	67.08	+0.01	1.00
Amer Smllr Cos	76.81	81.61	-0.32	...
Asian Gwth	109.68	116.68	-0.71	1.25
European Gwth	62.63	66.63	-0.67	1.50
Global Bd	61.71	66.19	-0.28	6.00
Global Eq	63.63	67.69	-0.36	0.50
Japanese Eq	56.66	60.27	-1.43	...
Japan Sm Cos	68.15	72.50	-1.49	...
UK Gen	51.75	55.05	-0.04	3.00
UK Gwth	55.57	59.12	-0.01	2.50

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766 966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc & Gwth	72.25	76.86	-0.24	3.41
Amer Smllr Cos	103.80	110.40	-0.20	...
Asian Smaller Cos	56.85	60.48	-0.05	...
Capital Portfolio	121.60	129.40	+0.20	1.86
Capital	155.60	165.50	+0.40	1.04
Cash	120.90	120.90	...	5.09
China Dragon	65.70	69.89	+0.85	0.97
Commodity	123.00	130.90	-1.70	0.60
Eastern Discovery	112.60	119.80	+0.10	...
Energy Inds	118.80	126.40	-0.40	0.30
European Gwth	171.90	182.90	-0.80	0.72
Euro Inc & Gwth	73.39	78.07	-0.39	1.99
Euro Smllr Cos	46.81	49.80	-0.30	0.57
Financial Secs	186.60	198.50	-0.40	1.18
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	53.42	56.42	+0.03	7.53
Gold & Exploration	77.66	82.62	-1.63	0.31
High Return	223.90	238.20	+0.50	3.63
High Yield	217.30	231.20	+0.50	3.78
Income	118.60	126.20	+0.40	4.36
Intl Bond	175.20	185.20	-1.00	5.13
ITU	198.00	210.60	-0.70	0.86
Japan Growth	151.40	161.10	-2.90	...
Japan Smaller	180.80	192.30	-4.10	...
Korea	75.79	80.60	+0.77	...
Masterfund	51.40	54.68	-0.13	0.83
Scotbits	284.50	302.70	-0.70	0.94
Scotshares	274.50	292.00	+0.50	1.81
Scotyields	234.20	249.20	+0.80	3.78
Select Intl	139.40	148.30	-0.60	0.56
Smaller Cos Inc	236.90	252.00	-0.20	3.81
SE Asia	595.70	633.70	+1.80	...
Special Situation	115.00	122.30	+0.30	0.63
UK Equity	236.60	251.70	+0.60	2.78
UK Growth	61.37	65.29	-0.27	1.55
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	42.86	45.60	-0.18	1.17
US Growth	145.60	154.90	-0.10	0.06
Univ Growth	140.30	149.30	-0.60	0.36

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Retail Funds				
American	247.49	263.36	-0.50	0.52
Australian	140.08	149.41	+0.40	1.31
European Gwth	66.00	70.33	-0.27	0.88
Euro Smllr Cos	63.29	67.46	-0.11	0.25
Far Eastern Gth	89.00	94.93	-0.18	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	56.47	59.51	-0.04	7.09
Global Bond	55.25	57.07	-0.21	5.28
Global Emer Mkts	51.88	55.33	-0.67	...
Income	338.16	360.70	-1.56	3.80
Japan Smllr Cos	460.20	490.87	-8.11	...
Japan Enterprise	64.10	68.37	-0.95	...
Pacific Gwth	132.90	141.75	+1.39	0.35
Seoul	53.09	56.60	+0.26	...
Smaller Cos	202.68	216.19	-0.21	0.62
Tokyo	107.84	115.02	-1.73	...
UK Enterprise	226.76	241.87	-1.03	2.23
UK Equity	226.79	241.90	-0.80	2.57
US Smllr Cos	145.81	155.53	-0.31	...
World Fd	76.49	81.58	-0.39	1.87
Institutional Funds				
European	211.68	224.95	+0.08	1.17
Euro Smllr Cos	26.09	27.75	-0.10	1.69
Global Equity Inc	71.10	75.63	-0.62	0.72
Japan Smllr Cos	34.25	36.43	-0.74	0.01
Mngd Balanced	176.73	188.01	-0.55	2.38
Overseas Equity	172.96	184.00	-0.97	0.77
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Japan	63.33	67.45	-1.59	0.12
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European	122.40	129.40	-1.40	0.67
Far Eastern	165.30	175.40	-3.30	...
Growth	137.70	145.70	-0.60	1.43
Income	125.30	135.60	-0.20	4.44
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Income	55.72	59.43	-0.09	5.30
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Japan Eqties (yen)	238.00	252.80	-6.90	...
FT Europe	119.80	127.20	-2.90	1.63
FT N Amer (US$)	1.752	1.857	-0.023	0.74
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European	447.40	476.50	-1.30	1.12
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Investment Tst	212.40	225.10	-1.30	1.09
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UK Income	39.52	42.27	+0.15	2.86
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Extra Income	197.10	209.68	-0.63	3.99
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Income	346.43	368.55	-0.77	3.52
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Little Dragons	103.92	110.84	+0.98	0.46
Oriental Income	47.33	50.48	-0.52	3.15
Tiger	281.86	300.65	+1.12	0.88
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UK Smllr Cos	91.22	97.56	+0.01	1.61
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Exempt	521.05	545.34	-1.71	4.02
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Ind Growth	105.66	112.29	-0.53	1.21
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Recovery	252.60	268.72	+0.44	2.50
Smaller Cos Div	95.14	101.21	-0.79	4.86
Smaller Cos	246.90	262.66	-0.25	1.66
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Gilt Income	55.24	57.48	+0.20	6.75
Gilt Growth	75.07	78.12	+0.54	...
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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on *Hard Target*, the violent and deeply disappointing Hollywood debut of director John Woo

Van Damme's slow-motion sickness

Fancy an earlobe sliced off with a pair of scissors, an eye shot out through a door's spy-hole, a head brained by a parking meter, and Jean-Claude Van Damme's swift kicks to the face and privates? Then **Hard Target** is for you.

If the director had been the usual Joe Bloggs, there would not be much to occupy us. But this is the first Hollywood work of John Woo, the Hong Kong director variously canonised as God, God's closest relative, or the best action man since Sergio Leone. So film buffs have been wondering how much of his quasi-balletic brand of violence would survive the journey across the Pacific. How much of his heroes' questioning spirit could be embodied in Van Damme, who vies in expressiveness with a lamp post?

We have our answers. *Hard Target* may contain slow-motion galore and Woo's trademark fluttering birds, but the visual treatment of Chuck Pfarrer's script — a variant on Richard Connell's human prey classic, *The Most Dangerous Game* — is disappointingly ordinary. The violence is less abstract, more graphic. "It's like a drug," says a smiling Lance Henriksen, organiser of manhunts for the thrill-seeking rich, after one of New Orleans's homeless has been pierced through the chest with a fancy steel arrow. But this kind of drug churns the stomach.

As for martial arts graduate Van Damme, cast as an out-of-work sailor hired to locate one of Henriksen's victims, he is most convincing when acting with his feet. Trouble starts when he opens his mouth: the same goes for heroine Yancy Butler. Not that anyone has much worth saying: Woo and his scriptwriter raise suggestive ideas about the haves and have nots in American society, only to brush them aside in the rush to maim, shed blood, and appeal to the audience's worst instincts. *Hard Target* is a deeply unpleasant experience.

Matters improve with **IP5**, Yves Montand's last film and the latest extravaganza from Jean-Jacques Beineix, chic wonderboy of French cinema. Dubious elements persist in the mix: like Bertrand Blier in his new film *1, 2, 3, Sun*, Beineix's strained attempt to say something significant — about life, love and ecology — only highlights the basic frivolity of his style.

But his penetrating widescreen camera forces our attention on the scenes before us: bizarre roadside vistas, lush green forests, advertising billboards ablaze with graffiti. And though heads get butted along the way, there is more tenderness than usual.

Forget about a lucid narrative: Beineix simply flings together a graffiti artist called Tony, suddenly smitten with love for a nurse; an 11-year-old rapper who wants to see snow; and an old man with a dicky heart trying to locate the Island of Pachyderms, a forest lake where he once fell in love. There is also a truckful of garden gnomes that glow in the dark, although the vehicle, like the film's logic, soon lies abandoned.

Instead of building a viable story, Beineix creates a magic space where characters and landscapes flaunt their wares. If his cast were weak, the film would sink. Luckily, Montand proves genuinely touching as the old man with plenty of kick left who teaches the urban louts about nature's wonders.

Then there is Sekkou Sall as the rapper Jockey, an amazing sprite of Senegalese descent with two of the most expressive eyes in the business. One look at him, and you know a star is born.

The title? "IP" refers to "Ile aux pachydermes"; the five denotes Beineix's fifth film. You have to admire his cheek, at least.

Ruby in Paradise, an arch drama about a young woman searching for a niche, shared the jury prize at the Sundance Film Festival. So some people love it. One attraction of Victor Nuñez's film stares us straight in the eye: the quiet but powerful performance of Ashley Judd, daughter of country music singer Naomi Judd. Whatever she does as Ruby, the girl who flees Tennessee for a menial job in a Florida beach souvenir shop, she compels us to watch.

All the more frustrating, then, that the surrounding words and images prove so limp. Nuñez may well have wished to get close to the inner lives of working women. But his slow, deliberate manner works against his goals.

This is the kind of film where characters stare out to sea, and a close-up is lavished on the spine of Emily Dickinson's complete poems; the kind of film where dialogue never finds a natural pitch, swerving between plangent profundity ("Why are we always lonely and afraid?") and abject cliché ("Now I think I *will* have that tea!"). Even Judd aggravates in time: Ruby wafts so passively between men and jobs that you eventually want to throttle her.

Rob Weiss's first film **Amongst Friends**, also shown at the Sundance festival, brings us back to the rut: young hoodlums squabbling, bullets flying, tyres squealing, the camera circling like a moth entranced. Weiss, 26, meant his film to be noticed, although the kinetic surface energy barely hides the vacuum within.

There is one novelty to the film's name. These hoods are the sons of the comfortably off. The streets they pound are not the mean Scorsese variety, but the cosy suburban lanes of the Five Towns area of Long Island. One of their grandfathers muses: "In our day we stole because we were hungry. These kids have never missed a meal."

But such ironies get trampled in the director's rush to grab Hollywood's lapels.

The new, young cast have less chance to dazzle. Weiss's script hurls the central trio at the audience. They look much the same, talk much the same: name tags would help keep them separate. Perhaps Steve Parlavecchio, Joseph Lindsey and Patrick McGaw will become the bratpack of the future: perhaps Weiss himself will refine his brash talent. Time, at least, is on their side.

As for Jonathan Heap, the first-time director of **Benefit of the Doubt**, who can say? The best feature of this clumsy thriller is the Arizona scenery, although Donald Sutherland deserves a small clap for acting more vigorously than usual as the father, convicted of murdering his wife, who returns to his daughter (Amy Irving) after 22 years. One minute he is whispering grace round the table; the next, someone meets a gruesome end at the local cement plant.

The week of *IP5* also brings **CB4**, a dishevelled spoof movie about a rap trio, named after a cell block, who score their biggest hit with an item called "Sweat Of My Balls". Interesting ideas bubble up, then get submerged in juvenile frenzy. Chris Rock, from *Saturday Night Live*, stars; Tamra Davis directs.

Hard Target
Empire, 18, 95 mins
John Woo's unpleasant American debut

IP5
Camden Plaza
15, 119 mins
Jean-Jacques Beineix's watchable extravaganza

Ruby in Paradise
Screen on the Hill
15, 114 mins
Intimate, annoying US prizewinner

Amongst Friends
Renoir, 18, 88 mins
Hollow showpiece about suburban hoodlums

Benefit of the Doubt
MGM Trocadero
18, 91 mins
Clumsy thriller with Donald Sutherland

CB4
Plaza, 18, 88 mins
Juvenile rap music spoof



Jean-Claude Van Damme in an incendiary scene from Hard Target, the film that ignites parts of sets that other hard-core action flicks would not bother to consider

The acceptable face of politics

In the TV thriller *To Play the King* Kitty Aldridge portrays a beauty with added brains. Type-casting, really

In my favourite Kitty Aldridge screen role she performs a dance solo with a raunchy, raw sexuality that a rock star would envy — an image totally at odds with the ladylike blonde who joined me for breakfast. The waiter was so smitten that he missed the table by an inch and dropped her breakfast in her lap. She did not bat an eyelid.

In 1990 Aldridge put her acting career on hold to set herself up as a film producer in partnership with her director husband. The gamble cost her dear. Three years later she was alone, divorced and flat broke. But cream rises. This week saw her bounce back as the female lead in BBC1's *To Play the King*, the somewhat controversial sequel to the smash-hit political thriller *House of Cards*.

> 'I wore long coats and smoked in an effort to look like Clint Eastwood'

She plays Sarah Harding, prime minister Francis Urquhart's (Ian Richardson) political adviser. As with Mattie, doomed heroine of *House of Cards*, the role is a theatrical device to move the plot along and provide love interest for Urquhart. But there all resemblance ends. Mattie was bright, but not quite bright enough to avoid being flung off a roof by her scheming lover. Sarah is made of sterner stuff, and this time Urquhart may have met his match.

Paul Seed, the director, spent months searching for the right actress. "It is Sarah's brain that Urquhart finds irresistible, and that's a difficult quality to put over on the screen," he says. "What Kitty has is a fantastic vulnerability plus great intelligence and strength, a unique combination in someone of her age."

It was in 1979, at the age of 17, that Aldridge arrived in London fresh from a sheltered middle-class existence in Sussex and, in her own words, "desperate to do something bohemian and cool". She had no particular ambition, other than to emulate her hero, Clint Eastwood. "I wore long coats and smoked in an effort to look like him. He was tall and thin and didn't say much. I identified with that." A birthday present of the works of Stanislavsky sealed her fate.

After drama school she teamed up with Esther Freud and, calling themselves the Norfolk Broads, they toured the country with a rhyming-rap act. Aldridge seemed set for a career as an alternative comedienne when she was offered a role in the Merchant Ivory film *Maurice*. She followed this with a string of films and in 1988 married South African director Neal Sundstrom.

Disillusioned with the quality of work on offer they decided to make their own films. Their first venture was *Tyger, Tyger Burning Bright*, a 90-minute feature shot in 20 days on a budget of £40,000 — less than half the cost of the average 30-second television commercial. "Heaven knows how we did it," Aldridge says. "There was no money for film stock. We used other people's off-cuts, which meant that Neal had to edit the film in his head before he shot it. A take could last only as long as the footage in the camera."

The film failed to get major distribution, being considered too arty for commercial release and too commercial for the art houses. Undeterred, the couple pressed on with an even more ambitious project, *Sonya and Johnny*, an interracial love story set in contemporary South Africa. "We made the cardinal mistake of using our own money," Aldridge says. "We went to South Africa, shot a promotional film to show to backers, but couldn't come up with major finance. After three years we were deep in debt. We lost everything, including our home, and the strain proved too much for our marriage. When Neal returned to Africa I couldn't even take him to the airport. They had repossessed the car."

She has no regrets. "I haven't abandoned hope of seeing *Sonya and Johnny* made. But now is the time to concentrate on the career I trained for. I'm very lucky to get this second chance."

Aldridge researched her role in *To Play the King* by studying women close to No 10. "They have this totally focused energy and a physical stillness that can give an apparent gravity and weight," she says.

To Play the King treads a fine line between reality and fiction. Aldridge is confident they have the balance right. "As a thriller and a piece of fiction I think it's a fair reflection of what goes on, in that these are the kind of people involved and the kinds of problems they have to wrestle with. Let's face it, anything that well-written is bound to take on a heightened semblance of reality."

ROS DRINKWATER

● To Play the King *is on BBC1 (Sunday, 9.05pm)*



Kitty Aldridge's determination to make her own films left her broke and divorced

OPERA

Happily ever after

Cendrillon
Hippodrome
Birmingham

WHILE Massenet's Cinderella opera of 1899 has been done in Britain before — by the Royal College of Music under Mark Elder some years back, and one would love to know more about the staging mounted by Lord Berners in Swindon in the 1930s — the Welsh National Opera's slap-up new production is the first fully professional one by a major company.

In a sense it has been worth the wait: Tuesday's official first night in Birmingham was musically so superb that only the most determinedly mean-minded curmudgeon could deny they had been present at the unveiling of a little masterpiece. Everything was right: the conductor, the orchestra, the carefully prepared singers, all caught at just the right stage of their careers.

The conductor in question was Patrick Fournillier, a Massenet specialist, presiding genius of the summer festival in the composer's birthplace of Saint-Etienne, and responsible for many authoritative Massenet recordings. Not only does he know exactly how the music should go — lightly, pacily, with a flick of the wrist and the occasional tug at the heartstrings — but he was able to communicate that knowledge to the WNO orchestra. The playing was crisp, elegant, perfectly balanced and headily perfumed where appropriate. I cannot have been the only member of the audience enchanted by the sheer exuberance of Massenet's orchestral invention and the brilliance with which it was executed.

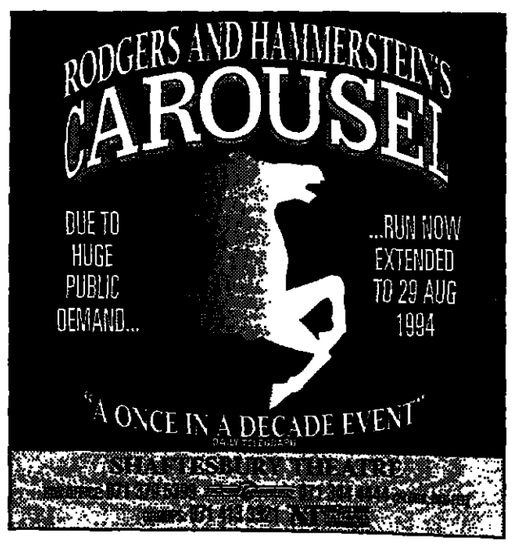
Fournillier also helped a British cast singing in English — the very funny, properly sensitive new translation by Jeremy Sams was for the most part clearly audible — sound like French singers of the old school in the breadth of the phrasing, the pliant moulding of the vocal lines and the pungency of the projection. Young Rebecca Evans was pure enchantment in the title role, her tone gorgeously warm and pure, her floated pianissimo top notes making you catch your breath. If only she would drop a few more consonants into her beautifully spun lines so that one did not have to strain to hear — or guess at — the words.

And so on down the line: Lillian Watson's Fairy Godmother, with glittering coloratura, a genuine Sutherland-style trill, and the ability to make it all sound like real music; Pamela Helen Stephen's velvet-toned, touchingly vulnerable Prince Charming (the only recording of *Cendrillon* is disfigured by the casting of a tenor in this soprano role); Felicity Palmer's outrageous Stepmother, a rich comedy performance.

The hypercritical might suggest that Donald Maxwell was marginally miscast in the role of Cinderella's henpecked Father — it calls for a steadiness and a seamless legato that are not Maxwell's to command, and also lies a little low for him — but he is so vivid a performer that doubts were swept aside.

Not everyone will respond to Michael Levine's sets, which have a look of Oxford Street window-dressing about them and a good thousand twinkling stars too many, but his Victorian costumes are handsome. And there are things to cavil at in Robert Carsen's production: outbreaks of terminal cuteness, some clumsinesses that should be edited out, and too many ideas — not all of them very original — for the opera's good. But Christmas is upon us, the audience loved it, and nothing could spoil conducting and singing of such heart-warming distinction.

RODNEY MILNES



LONDON

RAY CHARLES: A one-off concert from the golden-voiced jazz singer and pianist who continues to breathe new life into old standards.
Hammersmith Apollo, W6 (081-741 4868). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Graham Vick's hugely entertaining production of Mozart's *Figaro's Wedding* is stylishly designed by Richard Hudson and performed in Jeremy Sams's witty translation. Anwel Huw Morgan sings Figaro; Cathryn Pope is Susanna, Peter Sidhom and Margaret Marshall are the Count and Countess Almaviva. Nicholas Kok conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161). Tonight, 7pm.

THE IRON MAN: Opening night for *Peter Townshend's new rock* opera based on Ted Hughes's wonderful modern fairytale. But how will Josette Bushell Mingo, playing the "Space-bat-angel-dragon", try her wings in the sun?
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, various times. Until Feb 12

MOSCOW CITY BALLET: The magnificent company returns with performances including Tchaikovsky's seasonally festive *The Nutcracker* and Swan Lake

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

***Wimbledon Theatre,** The Broadway,* SW19 (081-540 0362). *Nutcracker:* Thurs 2.30pm and 7.30pm. *Swan Lake:* Fri and Sat, 7.30pm.

PIANO CIRCUS. An unusual musical programme this evening and certainly true to the group's name, featuring as many as six pianos at one time. With *Michael Haslam, Max Richter, Kirsteen* Davidson Kelly, Ginny Strawson, Richard Harris and Kate Heath
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.45pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: The dulcet, jazzy tones of **Marion Montgomery,** one of the most exciting song stylists around, are sure to thrill
Ronnie Scott's, Broad Street (021-643 4525). Tonight-Sat.

ALSO in Birmingham, *music of a different nature.* **Alfred Brendel** continues his acclaimed exploration of the Beethoven sonatas in a programme including Sonata in F minor Op 2/1; *In A major Op 2/2; in C major Op 2/3 and in* F minor Op 57, Appassionata.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333). Tonight, 8pm.

***PLYMOUTH:** The RSC's revival of* **Les Liaisons Dangereuses** nears the end of its national tour. Michael Attenborough directs the stunning tale of 18th-century sexual intrigue, decadence and corruption.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade, Plymouth (0752 267222). Today and Sat, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; Fri 7.30pm

SCARBOROUGH: Pre-Christmas Ayckbourn for children (adults too). **Mr A's Amazing Maze Plays** first wowed audiences here in 1988 and has since triumphed at the National.
Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round (0723 370541). Opens tonight, 6pm. Then Nov 26, 6pm and thereafter Tue-Sat 10am and/or 1.30pm. Till December 17.

WOKING: The tantalising and mysterious world of antiques forgery is revealed in Hugh Janes's **The Master Forger.** Sound familiar? It is indeed inspired by the television series *Lovejoy* and loosely based on real life forger Tom Keating. Roy Marsden stars, Roger *Redfarn directs.*
New Victoria, The Peacocks Arts Centre (0483 761144). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **ANGELS IN AMERICA:** Religion, sex, Aids, corrupt politics: a vision of *America at the edge of disaster. Tony* Kushner's award-winning *Millenium Approaches* and its sequel *Perestroika.*
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). *Millenium:* Tonight, 7pm and Sat, 1pm. *Perestroika:* Fri and Sat, 7pm.

□ **THE BFG.** Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant makes his now annual seasonal *call on London. See review, right.*
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon 7pm, Tue-Fri, 2pm and 7pm; Sat 11am, 2.30pm, 7pm

◩ **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, *WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm,* mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

□ **DR FAUSTUS.** Jonathan Cullen plays the curious scholar tempted by Hugh Ross as Mephistophilis. Philip Franks directs Marlowe, murdered 400 years ago in the neighbouring borough.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, *mat Sat, 2.30pm. Till Dec 11*

□ **FOREVER PLAID:** Genial and wittily performed American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat 8.30pm, mats Fri (half price), Sat 6pm.

□ **HAMMETT'S APPRENTICE.** New Kevin Hood play explores a family's relationship with its past, using the historical figure of Tolpuddle Martyr James Hammett. See review, right.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 3.30pm

◩ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 8404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm

□ **LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION:** John Waters stars in his own musical tribute to John Lennon, and comes remarkably close to conveying *his mysterious & chaotic charm.*
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 9pm.

◩ **MEDEA.** *The magnificent* Diana Rigg returns to the West End in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge. Directed by Jonathan Kent. First seen at the Almeida last year.
***Wyndham's,** Charing Cross Road,* WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5.30pm

□ **MOONLIGHT.** Ian Holm and Anna *Massey in the West End transfer of* Pinter's play: a sour civil servant, unmourned by his family, rages against his approaching death
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

◩ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◩ **ONE MAN:** Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces: Poe's *Telltale Heart; Actor;* and *Dog,* his hilarious, chilling view of life as seen by a lager lout's rottweiler.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

□ **PRESENT LAUGHTER.** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration"
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER:** Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes, David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm

□ **THE WASPS:** Aquila Productions present Aristophanes's stinging comedy about a *legal system controlled by prejudiced old men.* Sounds familiar. In repertoire with *Coriolanus.*
The Place, 17 Dukes Road, WC1 (071 387 0031). *Wasps:* Today 12pm, Fri 8pm, Sat 2pm. *Coriolanus:* Tonight and Sat, 8pm. Until Nov 27.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers.** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◩ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . ◩ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . . □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) . . . □ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 8845) . . ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . ◩ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . . ◩ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ◩ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ■ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) . . . □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . □ **The Woman in Black:** *Fortune (071-836 2238).*

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NEW RELEASES

ALADDIN (U). Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun. Directors, John Musker, Ron Clements.
Odeon Leicester Square (0426-915683)

◆ **THE CONCIERGE** (PG). Trials and tribulations of an ambitious concierge in a New York hotel. Outdated vehicle for the ebullient Michael J. Fox. With Gabrielle Anwar; director, Barry Sonnenfeld
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) ***MGMs: Chelsea*** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◩ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE** (12). *Scarred recluse tutors a young outcast.* Queasy drama with something to say from director-star Mel Gibson
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◩ *(071-434 0031)* ***Odeons: Kensington*** (0426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Warner** ◩ (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332)

◆ **POSSE** (15). Outlaw blacks ride the prairie. Just an urban ghetto drama in Western clothes. Mario Van Peebles stars and directs.
Odeon ***West End*** (0426 915574)

◆ **SO I MARRIED AN AXE MURDERER** (12). Is a beat poet's latest flame a serial killer? Foolish but breezy *vehicle for "Wayne's World" star Mike* Myers. Thomas Schlamme directs.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332)

THE STOLEN CHILDREN (15). Policeman escorts prostitute's children to Sicilian orphanage. Perceptive human drama from Gianni Amelio
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

***THE STRANGER** (U):* Wandering uncle returns to roost. Satyajit Ray's endearing, often funny, last film starring Utpal Dutt.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

CURRENT

◆ **DAVE** (15). The US President's lookalike takes over. Beguiling comic fantasy, with Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver. Ivan Reitman directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◩ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◩ (071-727 6705) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◩ (071-437 4343)

◆ **DEMOLITION MAN** (15): Sylvester Stallone versus Wesley Snipes in 21st century LA. Overblown action romp with satirical touches. Director, Marco Brambilla
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** ◩ (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** ◩ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332) **Warner** *(071-437 4343)*

◆ **GUILTY AS SIN** (15): D.A. Rebecca De Mornay falls under the spell of ladykiller Don Johnson. Foolish thriller, minus thrills. Director, Sidney Lumet.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** ◩ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

***MR WONDERFUL** (12):* Electrical worker Mat Dillon tries to find his ex-wife a new man. Disarming candyfloss from director Anthony Minghella; with Annabella Sciorra.
MGMs: Fulham Road ◩ (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15). Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With *Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.*
Gate ◩ (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** ◩ (071-435 3366) **Warner** ◩ (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** ◩ (071-792 3332)

***THE REMAINS OF THE DAY** (U):* Life and lost chances of an English butler. Merchant Ivory's immaculate if chilly account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel with Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson
Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) **West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

◆ **RISING SUN** (18): Murder at a Japanese conglomerate's LA headquarters. Botched if handsome adaptation of Michael Crichton's book. With Wesley Snipes and Sean Connery. Philip Kaufman directs.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Mezzanine** ◩ (0426 915683)

THEATRE: Dahl's Giant back on stage; and unruly new drama premiered at the Royal Court

Gizzardgulping good family fun

The BFG
Albery

SWIPE my soggles, the Big Friendly Giant is back. This time round, the stage version of Roald Dahl's story — a sizeable success in 1991 — has jumped from the Aldwych to St Martin's Lane: more than one small step for the man in the street, perhaps, but hardly a giant leap for David Wood, the West End colossus of children's theatre.

Cast changes have occurred. Dumpy, dynamic Ruby Evans now portrays Sophie, the orphan-heroine who becomes best friends with the funny-talking giant and narrowly escapes getting swalloped up like a piece of frumpkin pie by his child-chewing neighbours. However, BFG — a humungus softie and long-suffering vegetarian living on stinky snozzcumbers — is still played by Anthony Pedley. He goofs around endearingly without being slushy.

The frame that Wood imposes on Dahl's tale muzzles its bite. People-munching ogres are not so scary when the opening scene establishes the action as a party game in a cosy middle-class home. Bonecruncher, Gizzardgulper and Meatdripper are jolly decent kids in dressing-up gear; the birthday girl just pretends to be Sophie; and daddy acts BFG.

Still, that role-doubling brings out the father in Sophie's fairy-tale soul-mate. Moreover his frighteningly hungry fellows, stamping about with grabby hands and grotesque latex heads, did have extra-tender tots splayed face-down against their mothers. When the whole gang marched straight for the audience, under strobe lighting, I myself was not as cool as a snozzcumber. But the fearless child beside me slurped her lemonade, nonplussed by such fantastic Nasties.

Wood hits upon some delightful solutions in staging his adaptation of the book and fleshing out the fabulous. At once comical, spellbinding and ingeniously simple, BFG flies from his otherworldly cave to central London sprinting in gawky slow-motion, his cloak afloat and backlit by Sophie's glowing attic window. Elsewhere RAF helicopters, capturing enemy giants taking a kip after feasting on British infants, airlift the blighters over hilltops. They are miniature silhouettes behind a painted screen.

In the first half, the giant is (slightly disappointingly) man-sized, while Sophie is a diminutive marionette manipulated by her full-scale double. During the interval, BFG grows to epic proportions, and breakfasts at Buckingham Palace. One hopes Marcia King's performance as the Queen is not her crowning achievement. She certainly speaks plummily compared to BFG who makes less polite fruity noises and clearly doesn't give a hoot about the Queen's English. But her elocution recalls not so much our beloved QEII as Baroness Thatcher.

The gigantic puppet is clumsy and the bedroom setting cumbersome. Nevertheless, Dahl's gibberish is a riot and the sound effects are wondercrump. Adults and children were rolling around at the gurgleblastwhizzpop of giant farts.

KATE BASSETT

DONALD COOPER



Bonecrushers, Meatdrippers and other assorted Nasties assemble at the Albery for David Wood's staging of Dahl's classic children's story

Descent into chaos

Hammett's Apprentice
Upstairs, Royal Court

NOT long into Kevin Hood's new play a young man makes a mild pass at a young woman, upon which she jumps off the concrete balcony of his 15th-floor flat in Stepney. And what is the result? She has a conversation with her maternal grandmother in mid-air, and then, for no reason ever satisfactorily explained, she lands safely on the 14th floor, which is apparently occupied by Seventh Day Adventists. Enter the aspiring boy friend, who facetiously claims to be Rhett Butler and carries her off in his arms.

Not for the last time in James Macdonald's production, I felt an urge to leap onstage and stop the proceedings with a roar of "what's all this, then?" There is nothing *ipso facto* wrong with disorientating an audience, as Hood sometimes seems eager to do. We should be ready to work a bit in return for the stimulation that he, as a playwright of acknowledged promise, is doubtless trying to offer us. But there are limits. The impression left by *Hammett's Apprentice* is of strongly felt but unruly material yet to be shaped and honed into a mature play: in short, something of a mess, and not always a very believable mess.

The subject appears largely to be the tendency of people to "turn up inside your head" and squat there for keeps. Certainly, enough of them are in the skull of Gina McKee's Mary to explain why she has ditched her Cambridge degree course and become suicidal as well as sexually hysterical. There is her mother Irene (Rosalind Bailey), an angry, aggressive woman who has yet to tell her who her father is. There is her Nan (Mary MacLeod), a loveless crone who morosely informs her, when she loses her virginity, that "you've no-one to blame but yourself". Oddest of all, there is doughty old James Hammett (Ewan Hooper), who was a Tolpuddle Martyr and made one of Mary's ancestors his apprentice.

This "patriarchal hallucination", as Mary calls him, is clearly meant to give the play a moral and political dimension. At any rate, it emerges that he agreed to be transported in place of the man the authorities really wanted, his married brother. And we are presumably to compare his passionate trades-unionism and personal self-sacrifice with the confusions of his descendants.

Even grandma and grandpa cut pretty unprepossessing figures, wrangling and geriatrically snarling when they might be celebrating a marriage that has lasted since (wait for it) the year of the General Strike.

There are able actors on show here — from McKee's waif-heroine on down — but they did not persuade me I was watching a significant comment on our rootless, faith-free and, in Hood's view, generally horrible era. Indeed, the most satisfactory character is a minor one, a raging young Cockney who steals car-phones, works as a hamburger salesman, and rings other fast-food outfits pretending to be the IRA, the UDA or both. When Lee Ross, who plays him, was rampaging round the stage, my spirits lifted. When he was off it, they drooped and, at times, they slumbered.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

ROCK: Epic anthems from Scotland's answer to U2

A Highland fling too far

Runrig
Hammersmith Apollo

TEN-MINUTE singalong versions of "Loch Lomond" are not, it has to be said, often attempted by rock groups. Yet for Runrig, a Scottish five-piece widely regarded as the Caledonian U2, this encore has become *de rigueur.* In the business of breaking records, Runrig's latest album — *Amazing Things* — shot straight into the national charts at No 2. A repertoire laiden with skirling pipes and a mixed English-Gaelic lyric sheet reflects a fierce patriotism. Such is their popularity that the band's leader, Donnie Munro, has been elected rector of Edinburgh University.

Runrig's collective ear for anthems probably has much to do with it. Their songs have a robust, epic quality that makes square-jawed heroes of the fans who clap along to virtually every number. The non-clappers, incidentally, wave flags festooned with the cross of St Andrew and do improvised jigs in the aisles. It is a spectacle that would invite an easy mockery were it not for the utter sincerity of Runrig and audience alike. In an introductory ramble to Runrig's first encore, "Alba", Munro talked about performing *with* an audience, not *to* one. You know what he means.

And of songs designed for such audience participation, Runrig have an inexhaustible supply. "Wonderful" and "The Greatest Flame" — a love song dedicated on Tuesday to the beleaguered populace of Belfast — were built for whooping, stamping listeners. Two drum kits carried Runrig's robust, at times martial, beat while a bank of keyboards were switched on to bagpipe mode and two guitars twanged away in a country fashion.

Of all the square-jawed heroes, Munro's was squarest and most chiselled of them all. His dark locks flowing in the airstream of wind machines fixed to a northerly setting, Munro's gesticulations were of the right-arm-raised, "onward!" variety. His voice — a light tenor well suited to Runrig's Gaelic numbers — had, as far as his adoring audience was concerned, the leadership qualities of Alexander and Achilles combined.

But anthems are essentially homogeneous things. They thud along in orderly fashion, while their lyrics are about native soil and noble actions. And so with Runrig. With the exception of the few Gaelic songs, this was a bombastic concert with little variety.

If this is a formula that Runrig perfected over a life that started at Highland dances and is now lived out in cavernous halls and stadia, it has done the band little harm. For those people driven to execute jigs and reels in the Sassenach capital, Runrig obviously fulfil an urgent need.

LOUISE GRAY

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

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ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
Ton't 7.00 FIGARO'S WEDDING
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Adventure at the end of the line

Once a byword in banality, railway architecture is now enjoying a creative renaissance, writes Marcus Binney



Sheer bravura: Santiago Calatrava's station at Lyons Satolas airport is in a class of its own, moulded by the hand of a sculptor as much as an engineer and architect

A new age of stylish travel has dawned. The latest railway stations at Lyons, Charles De Gaulle airport and Rotterdam are epic in scale and dazzling in ingenuity. Meanwhile, in London, Nicholas Grimshaw's Channel terminus — a high-tech python curling round the side of the old Waterloo station — continues to fascinate passing commuters.

The farewell to the clinical sterility of the Euston era has been long in coming, but the rush of investment in Europe's railways — in the TGV, the Channel tunnel, in commuter rail in Holland and Intercity in Germany — has sparked a renaissance in railway architecture. And the starting point, appropriately, is provided by the great iron and glass terminii of the 19th-century, reinterpreted in a modern idiom by a new generation of pace-setting engineers and architects.

For sheer bravura Santiago Calatrava's TGV station at Lyons Satolas airport is in a class of its own, moulded by the hand of a sculptor as much as an engineer and architect. This is organic architecture — supple, lithe, rhythmic — all clean lines and unblemished surface, the opposite of the grey stained concrete the public has grown to hate.

The pervading atmosphere of Lyons Satolas is a calm serenity. Instead of the familiar chaotic mix of colours, materials and competing light sources, the whole fabric of the station — platforms, pillars, walls and roof — is uniformly blonde. Lights and lighting track are neatly concealed in the structure. So nothing distracts the eye from the smart black information screens and platform signs lovingly designed by Calatrava and almost as biomorphic as Hector Guimard's famous Métro entrances in Paris.

The station is due to open in July 1994 but the platforms stand ready and waiting. Construction work is now centred on L'Oiseau — a vast concourse hall soaring over the middle of the station. Its huge spiky silhouette is a cross between the corona of the Statue of Liberty and Sydney harbour bridge. Amazingly given its volume, it will be warm in winter and cooled in summer thanks to a network of water pipes buried beneath the floor.

On either side, the concourse opens onto spectacular elevated walkways running the 500 metre length of the station above the box tunnel which allows non-stop TGVs to race through at 220mph.

This brings you dramatically closer to the ribs and vaults than in any great Victorian station, and Calatrava is a master at using repeating elements to create exciting sidelong perspectives. Even on a grey day the light has the pristine quality of certain utterly bare Romanesque churches in southern France, not least because the light source is often invisible, hidden by the sheer muscularity of the structure. Yet for all their power, Calatrava's tapering braces and supports are as neatly and crisply creased as origami.

Catching up fast is the new TGV station at Charles De Gaulle-Roissy airport outside Paris by the great Irish engineer Peter Rice, who died shortly after he was awarded the coveted RIBA gold medal for architecture.

This is a joint work with Paul Andreu, chief architect of the Aeroports De Paris who designed the original remarkable cylindrical terminal one at Roissy as well as all the later terminals.

Andreu won the battle to bring the TGV right into the heart of the airport, exactly at right angles to the spinal road. "Our aim was to write something new in the tradition of glass and steel. The question we asked ourselves was what would 19th-century people do with our means."

Andreu continues: "High-tech architecture tends to give you a lesson in structure. What concerned us was the quality of light."

The aim was to let light flood down into a station that decends into a tunnel under the runways. "We wanted to avoid the deep dark of the night which comes with clear glass overhead. So instead we have translucent glass which remains white in the evening," says Andreu.

The roof rises steeply towards the centre, where escalators will take passengers up to catch the steady stream of people-movers connecting with the terminals. Architecturally the conjuring trick is to turn the traditional steel and glass train shed roof upside down so that arches loom towards you.

If proof is needed that adventurous stations can be crowd pullers, Rotterdam Blaak provides it. "A lot of people think a UFO has landed," says the architect Harry Reijnders. Within weeks of opening it has been affectionately christened the kettle, after the raised saucer dome which allows you to peer down to the tracks far below.

Passersby stop and look, and people using the escalators gaze in wonder around them. "I want to introduce people to the opera of public transport," says Reijnders. His sweeping stairs and escalators have more than a touch of Garnier's Paris Opéra masterpiece about them.

What distinguishes Rotterdam Blaak from Lyons Satolas and Roissy is the vibrant use made of colour. At stations like Slotterdijk and Lelystat, Reijnders and his colleague Peter Kilsdonk use primary colours as boldly as abstract painters.

Reijnders goes a stage further, for the colour is as strong by night as by day. The whole station cries out to be the set of a sensational pop video. Outside, the huge arch above the station pulsates with blue or yellow lights telling you the direction of the next train. Continuing strip lighting under the handrails of the escalators has the effect of moving headlights photographed at night.

On the platforms the colour scheme changes to reds, yellows and blacks brightened by luminous panels of pale blue. Reijnders achieves the quality of a Caribbean blue sea simply by placing coloured lights behind plain glass blocks. The station is full of such devices. The saucer domes in the roof turn out to be no more than circles of white plaster lit by carefully placed floodlights, and mirrors across the tracks give you an advance glimpse of anyone tempted to lurk behind a pillar.

Station architecture, so long a pale imitation of the most anodyne airport design, has relearnt the art of surprise.

CONCERT

Heroine hits a high note

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Just 24 hours after her name-day, Blessed Cecilia appeared — not in visions to all musicians, but in the flesh to as many as the Festival Hall would hold. And this concert of Mozart and Rossini, framed by orchestral works by Schubert and Respighi, was very much a fully-staged performance for Cecilia Bartoli.

Apart from the sheer sensuous joy of hearing those raw open-throated Italian vowels in Mozart's *Exsultate, jubilate*, there was the visual delight of watching Bartoli live inside the very heart of each stanza's tableau. In fact the transferred sensation for the listener was as if he or she was standing looking up, rather dizzily, at the swirling adoration of a crowned Virgin in a rococo dome fresco.

As the blessed souls were exhorted to exult, the depths of Bartoli's mezzo and the heights of her soprano laughed their way into existence. As the risen righteous came into view, awe touched a nicely controlled half-voice: as the Virgin was crowned, sighing hearts seemed to vaporise as breath faded down the melodic line.

This was, make no mistake, cantata as opera. After the interval Bartoli, whose Rossini roles are gathering momentum, turned to *The Siege of Corinth* and Pamira's last great Scena and Prayer before Corinth goes up in flames.

Here, the true mezzo-soprano revealed herself. Compact and dense, it offered the Greek heroine's choice: to win or to perish, and ran on in terror to the final imprecation where the voice threaded itself, with the flute, back into the full orchestral texture.

Bartoli, now 27, will make her debut at the Bavarian State Opera next year in *La Cenerentola*. Cinderella's final exuberant aria, "Non piu mesta", gurgled and giggled its way to a fearless, high-risk ending. By now, Bartoli herself was on such a high that she applauded the audience almost as extravagantly as they hailed her. Eyes flashing and beaming with excitement, she launched into "Una voce poco fa", trilling, teasing and artfully reassessing its every phrase. More at the Wigmore Hall tomorrow when the queue for returns will doubtless stretch well into Oxford Street.

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Mend bridges with culture

Lord Palumbo, the Arts Council chairman, proposes a major exchange of arts between Britain and China

Recently I went to China to examine the possibility of marking the transfer of Hong Kong sovereignty in 1997 by a major arts festival. Everywhere I went I found an intense pride in cultural achievements, from the awe-inspiring Terracotta Army — surely the eighth wonder of the Ancient World — to those of the present day. There was, moreover, an equally intense appetite to learn more about British culture.

The proposal, which would require close liaison between the Arts Council and other cultural agencies, would involve a festival of Chinese arts in Britain, and its British equivalent in China. The former would embrace all the arts of China, together with the possible participation of Taiwan. And in the two years leading up to 1997, there would be a programme of curatorial, technological and student exchange.

I would hope that both countries would agree to tour a selected range of the fabulous treasures that each possesses in such abundance. A loan exhibition of British paintings by the great Masters would be an essential ingredient, while an exhibition of 20th-century sculpture, in which we are particularly rich, would generate enormous interest.

As for a visit by the Royal Shakespeare Company, the Royal National Theatre or the Manchester Royal Exchange, this would undoubtedly be greeted by instant sold-out notices and standing ovations. The same would apply to concerts given in China by our great orchestras. Listening to an inspiring lecture given by George Benjamin before a rapt audience at the Shanghai Conservatoire of Music, I was vividly reminded that we possess many of the best contemporary classical composers in the world; and their contribution could be made not simply during the festival but in the two years preceding it.

The Chinese have an unquenchable thirst for our literature, too. But there is a dearth of good translations of the great western writers, which seriously hampers understanding; and the creative flow of excellent translations is something that the festival could address.

As a lasting reminder of the festivals, I would like to think that we might leave to China a major work by one of our contemporary sculptors; and China would leave to us (possibly at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London) a purpose-made small-scale garden following the philosophy and tradition established by the gardens at Suzhou, which are surely as near to perfection as the human spirit is able to conceive.

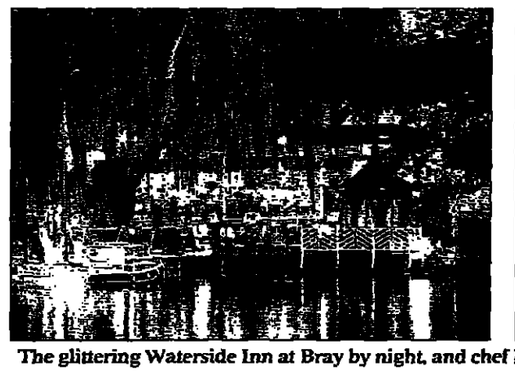
Throughout my visit I found wide agreement with our belief in Britain that the arts speak a universal language that transcends barriers; and that as ambassadors, artists are as effective as any diplomatic initiative. With the right political climate and will, these festivals would begin a fresh chapter in Sino-British relations, and generate, in turn, significant economic ties and trading partnerships.

We have, of course, been the beneficiaries of Chinese culture and trade for many centuries — from pottery, furniture, textiles and bronzes, to architectural design, horticulture and cuisine. Deng Xiaoping has now decided to open up the country to a western-style market economy, albeit one regulated within a strict socialist framework. British investment in China already tops £600 million. Is it too fanciful to suppose that even closer trading links, and the great cultural exchange that would be brought about by the festivals I propose, will help to bring the political system in China nearer to Western ideals?

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Raymond Carr on Robert Surtees, country gentleman and lover of foxhunting, as a quirky but acute observer of Victorian society

Master of foxhounds

ROBERT SURTEES
And Early Victorian Society
By Norman Gash
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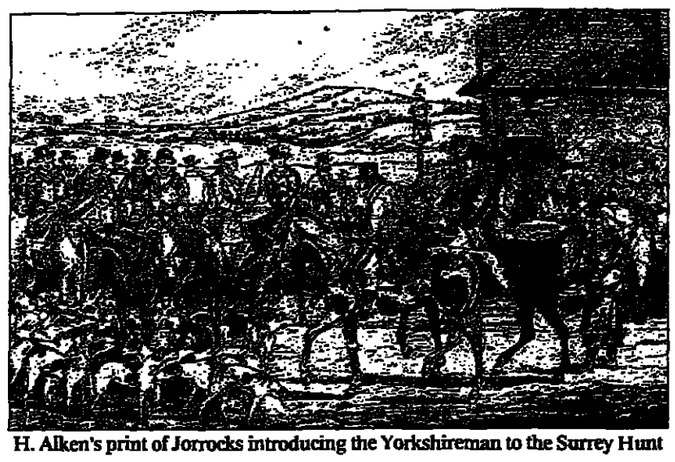
Professor Gash hangs his attractive survey of early Victorian society on the novels of Robert Surtees, creator of *Jorrocks*, the cockney Master of Foxhounds, a coarse vulgarian redeemed by his passion for *foxhunting*.

This passion, which Surtees shared, and which informs his novels, has not endeared his works to members of the literary establishment. If they do not, like Liberal Democrat county councillors, condemn foxhunters as latter-day barbarians, they dismiss them and their activities as unworthy of the attention of the serious writer. Gash has established Surtees, the acute, if jaundiced, observer of his age as deserving the attention of serious historians.

As source material for historians, novelists can be trusted to describe with authority only the milieu in which they live and have their being — thus Dickens aristocrats are cardboard caricatures. Surtees was a cranky Durham squire and his field of vision is limited. That he does not describe the cities of the Industrial Revolution is, as Gash argues, of no great consequence, since for most of its inhabitants, England was a rural world of small towns. The novels of *Surtees may therefore be considered as* "more characteristic of early Victorian England than those of his better known contemporaries".

But he is no rural romantic. He would have regarded Wordsworth as a purveyor of pious tosh. There is a notable absence in his books of any fashionable sensitivity to the sufferings of the rural poor. Agricultural labourers are clodhoppers who appear only to misdirect huntsmen. Struggling tenant farmers are a curse: if they can't find the capital to modernise they must go to the wall and sell out to those who can.

It is not only that Surtees's vision is circumscribed. His judgments are skewed by the prejudices of his caste. His anti-Semitism, as Gash observes, was characteristic of his age. But his portraits of Jews are exercises in pure malevolence, crudely physical: he has the Miss Jewisons "turning up their oily hook noses at everything". Surtees's onslaught on the higher aristocracy reflects the country gentleman's resentment at the pretensions of the grandees. Peers live "luxurious inert lives"; dukes, surrounded by toadies, are senile wenchers or pompous asses, "people who generally get their own way, let them be ever so unreasonable". The Duke of Northumberland had dropped the Surtees family from his guest list. Surtees was a proud, prickly man.



H. Alken's print of Jorrocks introducing the Yorkshireman to the Surrey Hunt

Inevitably, it is Surtees's magnificent obsessions which set this book's table of contents. Surtees is an exception among writers in that he did not write for *money; nor was fame the spur, since he* wrote anonymously. For him, writing was an agreeable occupation, because his meandering, plotless novels allowed him to pitch into those aspects of contemporary life of which he disapproved: the rise of the nouveaux riches as pretenders to rural gentility; the use of the hunting field as a marriage market, where ambitious mothers and their daughters pursue a promising husband as the field pursues a fox; the iniquities of servants, presented as an unsavoury collection of thieves and drunkards, exploiting and exploited by their masters.

These obsessions are legitimate subjects for the social historian. As Gash points out, for ill-educated girls with no prospect of gainful and respectable employment, marriage was the only career available, while servants were the largest sector of the working class.

It is the same with Surtees's obsession with railways: they must interest historians as a major agent of social change. At first he believed that railways, by dragging squires to London, would unleash a French *revolution* against absentee landlords. But he came to see them as a civilising influence on an isolated *countryside*: he even provided the squires with a guide to the cheapest floors of London hotels. Gash relishes *unintended* consequences. No one would have guessed that railways would promote literature, as they did when travellers sought to relieve the tedium of long journeys by reading the books provided by W.H. Smith's station bookstalls.

It is Surtees's *more quirky* obsessions that enliven this book. Like Balzac, he describes clothes down to the last button. We are treated to the coming of trouser turn-ups, the bloomer boom, the rise and decline of the crinoline, the ascent of the beard to social acceptability, the eclipse of rouge, the triumph of a persecuted minority of smokers over social margination. Oxford professors warned that *smoking* was responsible for their students' poor performance in examinations; but the students won in the end.

It is distinctly odd that Gash pays so little attention to *foxhunting itself*. Perhaps this is as well. In the past the devoted readers of Surtees were limited because, as he ruefully observed, one book goes a long way with foxhunters. Gash may bring new readers who do not share Jorrock's creed: "'Unting is all that's worth living for."

How the dream became a nightmare

Ronald Brownstein

THE SHAPING OF BLACK AMERICA
The Struggles and Triumphs of African-Americans, 1619 to the 1990s
By Lerone Bennett Jr
Penguin £6.99 pbk original

KEEPING FAITH
Philosophy and Race in America
By Cornel West
Routledge, £19.99

Twenty-five years after the death of Martin Luther King, race remains the fundamental fault line in American life. In many respects, the civil rights movement King led through *the 1960s remade America*. The legal structure of Jim Crow segregation has been dismantled, access to the ballot box ensured for all Americans, and programmes of affirmative action constructed to boost minorities in hiring and in collegiate admissions decisions. Freed from the legal shackles of Jim Crow, the black middle-class has grown and put up picket fences in *the suburbs*.

And yet the despair in the black community may be even greater today than at the time of King's death. Inner-city black residents in Los Angeles, New York and Chicago endure a level *of imprisoning* and random violence that mocks their legal freedoms. The structure of black family life is *under such* strain that two-thirds of all black children are now born out of wedlock.

Both Cornel West and Lerone Bennett Jr are enraged at this state of affairs. But neither West in his collection of essays nor Bennett in his history of blacks in America presents a fully satisfying explanation for it. Both see racism — endemic, implacable, insidious — as the unyielding core of the black dilemma. "In 1993," Bennett writes, expressing a sentiment frequently voiced by West too, "there were still invisible Jim Crow signs on the walls of every American institution".

No white American can read Bennett's vivid history without shame. But to identify racism as the sole — or even principal — cause of the problems facing black Americans *in the 1990s, both denies the* progress that has been made in changing laws and attitudes, and understates the necessity of reconstructing an ethical and moral framework in inner-city communities. Speaking in mid-November in the Memphis pulpit where King delivered his last sermon, President Clinton put the challenge more plainly than West or Bennett when *he declared that if the great civil* rights leader were alive today he would say, "I fought for freedom . . . but not for the freedom of people to kill each other with reckless abandonment, not for the freedom of children to have children and the fathers of the children to walk away from them and abandon them . . ."

In these works, both authors hesitate to explore the ground that Clinton turned over. In a 342-page history of black life, Bennett never mentions the growing rate of illegitimacy, undermining the social structure of the inner-city.

Such ideological blindspots are the only shadow on Bennett's *achievement. This update of a book* originally published in 1975 is a compelling, fresh, ground's-eye view of black life in America, enlivened by the creative use of primary sources and crisp portraits of unfamiliar characters. His account of slave life brings the period alive in intimate detail — down to the frog-bone charms some male slaves used to court their beloved. *And he provides a new insight on* the contemporary arguments over hiring quotas for minorities by noting that in the early part of the 20th-century, white unions demanded from employers negative quotas limiting *the hiring of* blacks. Bennett is writing history to make a point — that the legacy of racism imposes on white America a debt it hasn't paid — but his mission doesn't compromise his craftsmanship. This is rewarding, invigorating work.

Similar in its political perspective, West's book shares none of Bennett's verve. West's last book, *Race Matters*, was an unexpected best-seller and his publisher appears to have swept clear the shelves of essays to produce a follow-up.

The breadth of West's interests *and the depth of his reading* are impressive. But everyone except academics will graze lightly over many of these essays, which range from race relations to architecture. Written over an extended period, these works are sometimes repetitive and occasionally dated. West shrouds his thought in mists of impenetrable jargon, and he has an unfortunate weakness for lists — of *groups oppressed by American life* — that appear driven less by the demands of argument than a fear of omitting any favoured cause of the academic left.

These stylistic deficiencies and political orthodoxies are unfortunate because on subjects as diverse as the isolation of black intellectuals and the history of 20th-century cultural criticism, West can be a *penetrating and illuminating* thinker. In other works, West has pointed that light more straightforwardly at the crisis within the black community, lamenting the nihilism spreading in urban ghettos. But in these essays he is swept up in a bloated, inert, mock-revolutionary fervour, fulminating like an impassioned undergraduate about capitalist, patriarchal, racist America.

It's not likely that the 1990s will be kind to the left-of-liberal politics that West and Bennett champion. *But that doesn't necessarily mean* the problems of the urban poor will be swept from view, as in the 1980s. From Clinton to a new generation of black mayors in major cities, many Democrats (and some Republicans) are trying to construct a new social contract under which government increases its efforts to provide opportunity, but demands greater personal responsibilities from those it helps. Any of these initiatives may be fairly criticised. In that web of mutual obligation is the promise of a more politically sustainable assault on the problems of urban America than the insurrection from below West and Bennett yearn for.

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Black American role-model: Miles Davis aged 32 wearing his signature green shirt, in a 1958 photograph by Don Hunstein which appeared on the cover of *Milestones*. From *Miles Davis: The Man in the Green Shirt* by Richard Williams (Bloomsbury, £18.99)

Beauty only sin deep

Lucy Hughes-Hallett

SUCH TIMES
By Christopher Coe
Hamish Hamilton, £9.99 pbk original

When Timothy, this novel's narrator, wishes to convey *how unremittingly* the memory of his dead lover Jasper haunts him, he says that it is impossible for him now "to taste on a salad green, a sprinkling of pear vinegar, or to smell avocado honey, without having at once a thought of Jasper". To those many readers for whom weeks, nay years, can go by without their ever tasting pear vinegar, this may not sound much of an avowal, but the luxury which surrounds Timothy is more than a mere matter of exotic groceries. Timothy is beautiful, so beautiful that strangers come up to him in restaurants to tell him so. He is a cultured man, who devotes his free evenings to playing Chopin's nocturnes. He has "a little money" which allows him to live without making a living. Above all, and it is the novel's great strength that it makes us feel the full extent of this blessing, Timothy has loved.

All three of Coe's main characters are gay men. By the end of the narrative they are all dying or dead. Aids conditions their relationships, undermines their happiness, ends their lives, but it is not the dominant theme of this story, which is essentially the chronicle of a relationship, a pretty one-sided one, seen from that one side.

Timothy loves only Jasper, calls him Papa and is always waiting by the door when he comes in: "Usually I stepped up barefoot onto his shoes." Jasper, who is 20 years older, has other ties, other desires. He lives with an antique dealer called Oliver and frequents the derelict piers along the Hudson where men meet in the dark, going there even straight after having made love with Timothy. When he dies he leaves everything to Oliver. All he bequeaths to Timothy is "the virus".

Coe's narrative is both supple and subtle. We slither back and forth across two decades, yet each revelation is made in the place that emotional logic requires it to be made, having been withheld until *that moment* without palpable strain. The voice he gives Timothy is confiding and fluent. Timothy tells us everything. He has humour, but no apparent irony. He is as puppyish with his readers as he is with Jasper. But irony there is aplenty in what Timothy is not saying. Jasper may be beautiful, but he is not generous. On the night of Timothy's 21st birthday, he takes *him out* to a smart restaurant and there nags him about his clothes. "If he hadn't shown a bit of amusement, I would have almost thought he was ashamed to be seen with me." Timothy is uncritical, devoted. Jasper, by contrast, is chary of thanks or praise, and chary of his divided love.

The abject lover is an unusual literary hero, generally portrayed as a figure of fun, a nuisance or a victim. Sweet-tempered and no fool, Timothy believes "that keeping Jasper amused, making him happy and keeping myself deserving of him, was my one achievement". In this witty, graceful novel Coe shows us both the pathos and the dignity of such a sentiment.

The adrenalin addicts

Ian Robertson

BRAVO TWO ZERO
By Andy McNab
Bantam, £14.99

NO MEAN SOLDIER
By Peter McAleese
With Mark Bles
Orion, £16.99

THE QUIET OPERATOR
By John Simpson
With Mark Adkin
Leo Cooper, £16.95

The RAF psychiatrist who counselled John McCarthy and other returned Lebanese hostages had an altogether tougher job when he was flown in to Cyprus to counsel Andy McNab of the Gulf War SAS patrol Bravo Zero Two. McNab, imprisoned and tortured by the Iraqis after surviving hypothermia, exhaustion and multiple firefights behind enemy lines, lasted only a few minutes in each of his therapy sessions with Dr Gordon Turnbull, being more interested in buying his duty free liquor.

Many psychotherapists would interpret this behaviour as a defensive inability to face up to emotion on McNab's part. But the bald fact is that there are some tough customers in the world, capable of withstanding immense physical and psychological suffering, without showing any long term aftereffects. The SAS has more than its *fair share of such individuals*, as do Her Majesty's prisons.

McNab was abandoned by his mother as a baby in a Harrods carrier bag on the steps of Guy's Hospital; he joined the army to keep out of borstal. Another graduate of the SAS — adventurer and mercenary Peter McAleese — inherited a taste for gratuitous violence from his criminal father and spent time in jail as a result. Len Wilmot, much-decorated Special Operations Executive signaller during the second world war, survived a brutal father and an early life of grinding poverty.

The same reckless lust for adrenalin which sends ramraiders and joyriders careering through British streets pulses in the blood of people like McAleese: "I've never taken drugs but I can't believe there is anything which can equal the thrill of battle. I loved it." He is as hooked as surely as any heroin addict.

Those who advocate the birch for such unruly upstarts from the ghettos usually change their tune when this aggression is harnessed in the service of the state: Peter McAleese, serving in the doomed Rhodesian army after being pensioned out of the SAS, tells of the "sweet old ladies", of Salisbury insatiably plugging him over tea and fairy cakes for the most gruesome details of battle carnage.



Tough customers of the SAS

One old dear caught him by the arm as he was leaving the house, whispering "Remember now, Peter — you'll get one for me, won't you?"

Forty per cent of the British prison population have been in care, and most of the rest come from the kind of deprived background that these three soldiers endured. The Army always has been an escape route from the ghetto and offers a way of life where a man can feel he has a place, maybe even feel important.

Given the chance, however, they showed not only the capacity for great courage, but also an intelligence which, one suspects, never otherwise would have found a legal outlet. As it was, McAleese satisfied his relish for violent action with "Colonel" Callan's *mercenaries in* Angola, as well as in South Africa, Rhodesia and Columbia.

Such men's taste for the fight — and our own vicarious thrilling at it — always has existed and always will. What does change however is the extent to which *the state can* control this aggression: who knows what the likes of McAleese and McNab would get up to if they had been brought up in Northern Ireland or Bosnia. Who knows also to what extent such men's taste for aggression is enlarged by a violent video culture — though research shows pretty clearly that film violence fosters real aggression.

And casual violence of stranger on stranger seems to grow, cancer-like, as the common social ethic of *Len Wilmot's Britain of the 1940s* dissolves, through McAleese's 1950s and 1960s to the desert of 1990s social rootlessness which is Andy McNab's inheritance.

Across the social landscape conjured up by his book, for some *reason I cannot rid myself of that* dreadful, fuzzy image of two small boys caught on video leading a toddler from a shopping centre.

Land of ice and incest

Gill Hornby

THE SHIPPING NEWS
By E.Annie Proulx
Fourth Estate, £14.99

EACH chapter of *The Shipping News* begins with a nugget of nautical information — a description and diagram of a knot or a definition from *The Mariner's Dictionary* ("Cast Away, to be forced from a ship by a disaster"). And they all, to a greater or lesser extent, have a relevance to the story. A quoyle, we are informed at the beginning of chapter one, is a coil of rope. *It is made on deck, "so* that it may be walked on if necessary". Quoyle is also the name of the hero and, as the novel opens, he is being trampled all over.

Quoyle is an ugly, hopeless, terribly nice misfit. A failed journalist approaching middle age in upstate New York, he has a tendency to think about his own life in headlines — "Stupid Man Does Wrong Thing Once More" — although nobody shows any interest in him. When his hateful parents die in a suicide pact, and his promiscuous wife, Petal, is finished off *in a car crash*, Quoyle is persuaded to go back to the home of his forefathers. Venturing off with his daughters, a maiden aunt and her dog, he at last, finds a place where he fits. In a land dominated by ice and incest, Quoyle discovers warmth, family values and a happy ending. As he himself might put it, "New Man Found in Newfoundland".

Proulx is a novelist with so much to say that she rushes her story, jettisoning words as she clatters through. And she is so rich in ideas, she can squander them. Stories that are worthy of whole novels themselves — of pioneers and necrophiliacs, psychics and complete psychos — float about here, seen but unexplored, just like the *icebergs off the Newfoundland* coast.

This is only Proulx's second novel. It has already won the Irish Times International Fiction Prize and has been shortlisted for the American National Book Award.

It is to be expected that one who goes by the name of E. Annie Proulx should feel an affinity with a place whose inhabitants are called things like Tertius X Card, Boyle and Doyle Cats and Alvin Yark; which boasts settlements like Never Once, Go-slow Harbour and Little Despond. She also luxuriates in its language, talking of "scurrifunging", "tuckamore" and the "thunge" of the sea. She makes Newfoundland exotic, with an infectious enthusiasm that has the force of an Atlantic roller. To read *The Shipping News* is to yearn to be sitting in The Flying Squid Lunchstop, eating Seal Fin curry, watching the icebergs clink together in the bay. And that has to be saying something.

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Harry Fainlight, Rilke, women poets and a verse review of the new Fenton

Poems by the glass


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James Fenton: he dubbed Craig Raine's disciples "Martian poets", but was never one of them

Rilke has a superb image somewhere of the poet being "a *ringing glass* that shatters as it rings". I always think of that when I think of Harry Fainlight. Found dead of bronchial *pneumonia outside* the remote Welsh cottage where he had made a home for himself alone. The 47 years of Fainlight's life must have *looked like* total failure to most who met him during the course of it. Frail, fervent, dedicated to poetry in a way that put most of his contemporaries to shame. I must say that he struck me differently.

I did not know him well but I admired his work and once tried to get a volume of it into print. This venture ended in disaster with Fainlight threatening to shoot the publisher if he went ahead. Being unpublished was of some importance to him. One of his lyrics begins "Sing on, unpublished one. O *unpolluted throat.*"

He died 11 years ago, and despite subsequent praise from Ted Hughes and Allen Ginsberg is still not as well known as he deserves. Perhaps **Journeys** (*Turret Books, £12*) will do the trick. This is a tall, elegant, slim volume, 17 fine poems beautifully printed, with a frontispiece by Mary Moore and an introduction by Sir Stephen Spender which ends with the words, "Harry Fainlight and his poetry should be famous". Of course, what is really needed to achieve that is a fat collected edition, from one of the big publishing houses. But then nothing about Fainlight was ever fat. His work seems fragmentary almost by definition, since perceptions of this intensity cannot be long drawn out:

O pavement comfortable to
sink down onto as God,
why could not I sink? Some-
thing stupider even
than the weight of my own
body still
holding me up, impossible to
be broken.

He is talking about his own poetic vocation, which the world did fail to break. Ringing glasses, as Rilke knew, are shattered by a purer music altogether. You can catch unmistakable sounds of that music *in the work of Harry Fainlight, and* while it is still ringing in a book published in an edition limited to 500 copies you can at least regard it as your own discovery.

The ringing glass that was Rilke himself can be heard in M.D. Herter Norton's new paperback **Translations From The Poetry Of Rainer Maria Rilke** and the same author's version of **Letters to a Young Poet** (*Norton, £6.95 each*). Norton's translations of the poems are admirably literal, and they manage to suggest the feel of Rilke's thought, the winding verse-sentences, the way his poems move in a logic that is quite other than the logic of prose. The German is printed on the opposite page to each translation, and the selection is fully representative of Rilke's work *up to the long period of silence* that fell after publication of the *Marienleben* in 1913.

As for the *Letters*, they still read with *remarkable freshness, and I* cannot think of a better book to put into the hands of any young would-be poet, as an inspirational guide to poetry and to surviving as a poet in a hostile world.

The English poet Edward Lowbury will have survived for 80 years next month, and it is good to see his life's work honoured with both a **Collected Poems** (*Hippopotamus Press, £14.95*) *and a* festschrift in celebration of his achievement called **Physic Meet and Metaphysic**, edited by Yann Lovelock (*Hippopotamus Press, £12.95*).

Lowbury has had a long and distinguished career as a microbiologist as well as a poet. His verse is invariably well-made, lucid, and modest in scope, but at his best, as in "The Collector", he manages to turn these Georgian virtues into something more interesting than anything the actual Georgians wrote. That poem finds a metaphor for his view of life in flowers, telling how as a boy he wanted to pick every bluebell in the wood, learning later the advantage of only picking one flower of every kind, and thence to confining himself purely to the names of flowers. The last stanza is irreproachable:

A lifetime brought this new
collector's itch:
In a world of flowers, names,
necessities —
To see how many I could do
without:
And at last the distant shout
"Come home" finds me exult-
ing in a wealth
Of unpossessions — all of it,
perhaps,
A practice-run for doing with-
out myself.

Lowbury's is a quiet voice, but it might still be heard when many noisier ones have been forgotten. It is the quiet voices that *sound clearest in* **Sixty Woman Poets**, Linda France's fascinating anthology of the work of 20th-century British and Irish female poets since 1971 (*Bloodaxe, £6.95 pbk original*).

The older generation, represented by Ruth Pitter and E.J. Scovell, makes its presence felt tellingly, as do some of the younger ones such as Carol Ann Duffy and Medbh McGuckian. The book's star, *though, is Jenny Joseph, born in* 1932. Her lyrical-satirical meditations, not well-served by short quotation, best encapsulate that wild quality, "the sense of a creature constrained too long", which France suggests as characteristic of the book as a whole. There are more (and more interesting) women poets now active than at any previous period in literary history, and this book testifies eloquently to that fact.

In **Book of Matches** (*Faber, £5.99 pbk original*), Simon Armitage is the poet as the Boy Next Door, writing plain sturdy stuff about his own life, as compared with the lives of others:

At twenty-eight
I'm not doing great,
but considering I came from the
River Colne
and its long, lifeless mud,
I'm doing good.

Elsewhere, in the sequence about his marriage called "Reading the Banns," there is a better sense of real blood flowing through the veins of memory, but *this lad has a* long way to go before anyone mistakes him for a ringing glass.

ROBERT NYE

Have you met the great James Fenton?
You certainly must do soon:
His latest volume of verse is out
And it's rarer than snow in June.

A Fenton poem may console
Or it may be raucous and gay;
Whatever it is, you know it's his,
And he doesn't care what men say.

He knows his rhyme and metre.
And his middle name's prosody:
But you won't find one emotion faked
For the sake of his melody.

True, Fenton's an Oxford poet,
And he knows McEwan and Raine.
And Fuller too; but they all know
He walks his own dark lane..

Maybe it's because he's a journalist
That I like Fenton's verse:
His songs are sung in words that most
Sun headline subs would think too terse.

Are his ballads better than Brecht's? You bet:
No favours for Stalins from his pen:
"And you can't tell/When they'll come again/
They'll come again/to Tiananmen."

Though politics is his guiding star,
Love is his destination.
And the lines that linger in the night
Lead us into his temptation.

His poems fit the bitter facts
Of love's requital hand in glove:
"Learn as leaves must learn to fall/
Out of danger, out of love."

Greater poets may be now at work
In Mandarin or Greek;
But Fenton is the best I know
In the language that we speak.

DANIEL JOHNSON

● *James Fenton's* Out of Danger: Poems *is published by Penguin in original paperback at £7.50*

Putting the pleasure back into principle

Victoria Glendinning enjoys an energetic attack on feminist masochism, but finds the rhetoric of "power feminism" puerile

FIRE WITH FIRE
The New Female Power and how it will change the 21st century
By Naomi Wolf
Chatto & Windus, £11.99


Naomi Wolf: triumphalist

Why do so many women say "I'm not a *feminist, but . . .*"? Why do they reject a movement that campaigns for their own betterment? Because, says Naomi Wolf, *so much feminist discourse is* unrelievedly grim. Her argument in *Fire on Fire* is that women should reject what she defines as "*victim feminism*" and go for "power feminism", which is both more effective and more fun.

We have the power already, she *says. There has been a* "genderquake". History is outpacing consciousness. Ordinary women are saying the unsayable 24 *hours a day on radio phone-ins and* day-time television talk shows, but the men in suits are not paying attention. There are more women than men in the western democracies, and we should not think of ourselves as a minority, a concept that the media foster. It's a fascinating fact that the advertising formula for a mixed group is three men to two women, because if the numbers *are equal "it looks as though* women predominate".

Victim feminism is holding women back. Victim feminism is *joyless, severe and judgmental. It is* politically self-righteous and proscriptive. It embraces powerlessness, ascribing all virtue to females and all vices to males, and clings to pain, hatred and resentment. Victim feminism sets taboos on ego, money, aggression and power for women, and suspects successful women of having sold out, thus paradoxically conniving with a *coriservative male's view of women* as weak, marginalised and ineffective.

The most telling piece of writing in the book is a lethal description of a rape crisis centre in America, where the atmosphere is heavy with dirt and gloom, the staff masochistically stressed, the mugs chipped, the wattage of the naked lightbulbs low. There are no pictures on the ill-painted walls, and the curtains in the unfurnished "crying room" are dusty black.

It is the ideology of victim *feminism, not lack of funds, which* has made this particular centre a ante-room of hell. The women who have recourse to the centre have just *been* through hell; surely what they need, writes Wolf, is warmth, colour, attractive surroundings and a relaxed atmosphere that helps them recover their own sense of worth and dignity.

Victim feminism as a whole has an elaborate etiquette of grief, but no etiquette of celebration. You don't have to *be* oppressed and depressed, in Wolf's book, in order to champion the oppressed and depressed. So what is power *feminism*?

Power feminism is "a psychology of abundance". It is sexy and pleasure-loving. It rejects consensus, zealotry and hatred based on gender. Power feminism accepts diversity and the bad as well as the good in women. Power feminism loves money. Victim feminism is a drab hangover of 1960s leftiness, and obsolete: power feminism is unashamedly capitalist and market-led. Power feminism accepts that in a free society women will be competing against other women as *well as against men. We should* have a healthy respect for one another, but not sentimental, invalidish feelings of sisterhood.

It is a feminism of rights, which we demand because we are human, not because we are women. We should not feel we have to be nice *all the time, or back off from* criticism. We should not fear to be feared. In Wolf's formulations, all women can be feminists, with no "but", *since women do not feel the* same about everything, and have different aspirations and different pleasures.

Some of these pleasures are sexual. Wolf regrets definitions of sexual harassment that leave "no mental space to imagine girls and women as sexual explorers and renegades". Events can be offensive, she says, without constituting either harassment or rape, a word that should be restricted to its true meaning.

The strength of this book is its close and often witty analysis of victim feminism. Its weakness is Wolf's infatuation with her own alternative. The book descends into girlish heroics, and into triumphalist and rather windy examples of how power feminism is already speeding up change. The only *things the opposition understands,* says Wolf, are "money, votes and social embarrassment". *These* should be women's weapons.

Speaking of weapons, Wolf becomes eloquent on the subject of women and handguns. This is an American book, with up-to-date British examples inserted for the British edition, but there seems something retrogressive even for an American about celebrating an extension of gun-ownership at the present time. One in nine women in the US already has a gun. Wolf *quite fairly uses this development* to challenge soppy assumptions about women's gentleness and forgiveness. But she writes about it in the same section as she writes about women in Sarajevo picking up arms to defend themselves. The parallel is puerile.

Yet the childlike quality of some of Wolf's writing has its own relevance. There is a good section on the secret fantasies of little girls, no less megalomaniac than those of little boys. It is a cliché that men remain children, while women grow up. Perhaps *that has been our* big mistake, and one that Wolf has not made. Her excited vision of power feminism in operation does have just a touch of Never-Never-Land.

Bankers to the Reich

Julia Neuberger

THE WARBURGS
A Family Saga
By Ron Chernow
Chatto & Windus, £20


Aby Warburg (1866-1929) founded Hamburg's Warburg Library

To some extent, the story of the Warburg family is the story of German Jewry, or at least that part of it which became the banking class, assimilated, wealthy, ambivalent about their Judaism, and all too German.

They varied in how religious they were, and at what stage they gave up Judaism and were baptised, if they were, or simply lapsed. Some remained religious right through, though they were the minority. They varied in how they regarded their German-ness, how they felt about the army, and the prevalent militarism of the German upper classes. They varied too in the extent to which they married within *the faith, and to what extent* marriages were used to effect useful alliances across city and country borders when they started based in only one city.

But those who remained after the first world war shared an intense ambivalence about Germany. They were Germans, now free of restrictions on entry to the professions, but they watched antisemitism increase, and become explicit. Yet Max Warburg continued to operate the Warburg bank five years after Hitler came to power. He could not believe that this was not just a brief occurrence, a temporary madness. The Germans would come to their senses. It would all be all right in *the end, however unpleasant the* interlude.

Ron Chernow's most powerful and moving words are reserved for *this part of the story.* Max Warburg became confused and unsettled. He "urged Jews to stay and fight while also making clandestine overtures *to have them admitted into Syria,* Cyprus, Turkey, Egypt and Latin America. . .All the while he could not shed his dream of Jewish assimilation in Germany and *its* universal negation. . .Max had identified so implicitly with Germany's destiny that to abandon the Fatherland was tantamount to repudiate his fundamental being ... This ebullient, self-confident man, who had so long felt invincible, fell prey to inner fears and insecurities."

But that is not all. Chernow also records Max's shying away, in his memoirs, from the fact that the bank turned in a profit in 1936, in the midst of the Hitler years, as Jews all over Germany were trying to get out. He also omitted an account of his efforts to persuade Jews to stay in Germany, and his instruction to those who did leave not to congregate in the big cities, not get involved in politics, and to be unnoticeable. This came from the man who saw himself and his family as ineluctably tied up with German destiny.

But they did leave. Many of the clan, "our crowd" as they called it, were already in America. Kuhn Loeb was the Warburg bank, and *Felix Warburg was centrally in*volved in bankrolling Chaim Weizmann, later to be Israel's president, whilst maintaining his stance as a *leading non-Zionist Jewish philan*thropist. The German Warburgs could go to the US, or to Britain, where Siegmund had gone in 1934. And go they did, many of them making fantastic efforts on behalf of other Jews once they were out, and even whilst still in Germany.

It is the last episode which astonishes the reader. For Eric Warburg, son of Max, went back to Hamburg, to the family bank with its Aryanised name of Brinckmann, Wirtz & Co. Neither haunted by the holocaust, nor succumbing "to the paralysing horror that understandably afflicted other Jews", he "exalted his return into a larger statement of German-Jewish reconciliation", to the horror of his family, wherever they had ended up.

Like Max, Eric felt Warburgs and Germany were ineluctably linked. But the cost to his family, who were disturbed by living in post-war Germany still full of Nazis, must have been enormous. That relationship with Germany, that sense of family which meant *that all the other Warburgs had to* express their disapproval, is the stuff of this excellent family history. All we miss is detail about the *financial successes and failures,* about banking policies, something more about how Siegmund Warburg was so successful.

This chronicle of one of the most important banking families in history tells us much about the people, but little about their banking lives, which made them famous. That is the greatest lack in an otherwise great, and lengthy, saga.

Corporal Carrot's crusade

Tom Hutchinson

MEN AT ARMS
A Discworld Novel
By Terry Pratchett
Gollancz, £14.99

This sequel to *Guards! Guards!* is Terry Pratchett's most intriguing yet. It sticks closely to the usual template of cartoon medievality, set on a Discworld lolling on the back of a vast turtle, and in the city of Ankh-Morpork whose river is pollution-gelled and whose people are our own burlesqued mirror-images.

It is on the Night Watch plodders, and on Corporal Carrot, that the narrative focuses. A killer is loose, gathering unto Death a variety of Ankh-Morpork subjects, including a clown. A clown-killer is almost too heinous for the Night Watch to contemplate.

Pratchett's neo-Wodehouse technique could be called The Exploding Boot Effect. He kicks a joke into play, the reader watches it detonate on impact, but then realises that the original site of launch has also been booby trapped. Here is a comedian who thinks upon thought, as sweetly woozy asides mingle with spicy dissertations on philosophy, to combine with the wincemeat of monstrous puns ("it was more highly bred than a hillip bakery").

So, the lovable Corporal Carrot leads a Pilgrimage through a world very like ours, what with inter-species hatred and the snobbishness of aristo-power to become a Carrot destined for higher things. The art of Pratchett parcels up modern acrimonies to place them on a cosier plane.

Sex rears its enjoyable head only to be made hurtful by what it entails in the way of love. Somebody has to give up something; in *this case, life.*

To that extent this is a new beginning for Pratchett, hitherto escape-team leader from grim reality. For once he brings us down to Earth from Discworld with a bump of self-sacrifice. Not that we should despair. Hope springs eternal: from an optimistic talking dog to a Thief Of Bagdad finale via that so-rare charm that tells us all is well.

Boozy brats of the 1990s

Alison Roberts

PEPPER
By Tristan Hawkins
Flamingo, £5.99 pbk original

If you wondered how the more intelligent brand of 1980s bratpacker novel would mutate for the 1990s, read Tristan Hawkins's *Pepper*. This first novel is set in the world of London advertising, but no airbrush has been taken to the flaws and flops, the cheats and drunks, making this once highly fashionable milieu sound distinctly unglamorous. Hawkins's ad executive *is more* likely to be a lager lout than a Lycra-clad lovely.

Designer tantrums are out, drunken rows with foul-mouthed bosses are in: flashes of creative brilliance in pot plant-lined offices are replaced by seat-of-the-pants cobbling together in the pub next door. Alcohol is big in this streetwise novel, which is endorsed on the jacket, ironically enough, by the queen of the 1980s bratpack, Julie Burchill. Together with many and varied types of drugs, beer shapes the life of the young former advertising hot-shot Richard — the first-person narrator and anti-hero.

Richard is quite plainly, and for most of the time, a pig. But he's a pig with wits and a pig in love.

Hawkins is telling a love story. To fit in with this nasty 1990s realism, however, he has Richard fall in love with Pepper Furnival. Pepper doesn't have long legs, but she does have chronic eczema. She doesn't wear Yves Saint Laurent or Dior, but a grungey mix of mini-skirt and Doc Marten boots. Richard, however, is head-over-heels, tongue-tied in front of her and afraid.

There is a kind of moral in the ensuing tale of Richard's slow degradation; of course he gets Pepper early on, but the spiral of dependence on mind-bending substances has already begun.

The point is that living with Pepper — whom he really does love — makes things worse. Richard doesn't just wake up with an alcoholic headache every morning, he also has an acute and permanent eighties hangover. He is in love with Pepper *and* with the rich City-boy image.

But the two can't be reconciled and this manifests itself in all sorts of excesses — and Richard's subsequent inability to cope with their *results. He is that classic* 1990s figure we hear more and more about: the troubled young man who can't communicate with anybody else — *least of all, of course,* with himself.

It's an entertaining portrait, although *Pepper* is quite a bit too long and often repetitious. The language is street-sharp and original with the odd phrase marked out in different a type-face like an advertising soundbite.

Hawkins also has a stock of made-up words — *drink-flu, forgetting-drunk, shadow-time* — which resound throughout the book and recall Douglas Coupland's fashionable novel of 1992, *Generation X*. Hawkins's new portrait of Generation Y, however, shows it as deeply unattractive and in all sorts of trouble.

POWER GENERATION

A call for the monopolies commission to investigate fuel prices could hit Treasury plans to sell its energy shares, **Derek Harris** says

Players in the politics of power



Vapour rises from the cooling towers at Drax power station in Selby, North Yorkshire: the future of Britain's energy supplies is a political minefield

The biggest question in Britain's power generation industry today is whether Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, will refer National Power and PowerGen to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC). He could decide to do so because of concerns about the price that consumers are paying for electric power. There are also much wider competition issues to be considered.

If a monopolies enquiry were launched, it would cast doubts over the government's ability, by next spring, to raise some £3 billion by selling its remaining 40 per cent stakes in the two largest power generators. Throw in the controversy over British pit closures, as the demand for coal from the power generators declines, and the brew thickens, steamy with political implications.

Answers are also due as to whether state-owned Nuclear Electric should be set on the road to privatisation and as to whether approval should be given, despite environmental concerns, to at least one more pressurised water reactor nuclear station as Sizewell B approaches commissioning next year.

The power generation battleground contains a series of interactive elements. There are first of all the energy suppliers, those selling fossil-based fuels being British Coal, British Gas and the oil companies. Then there are those tapping renewable energy supplies, which include power derived not only from nuclear but from wind and solar sources as well as from the incineration of waste.

National Grid's estimates suggest that coal's share of the generating market by the end of this year is likely to be 53 per cent against 64 per cent last year. Nuclear power is expected to take a 23 per cent share against 22 per cent last year.

A big factor in the decline of coal has been the dash for gas as competition in power generation emerged. Combined cycle gas turbine stations (CCGTs) are cheaper and quicker to bring into operation than traditional coal or oil-fired power stations and 25 are so far authorised. The CCGT market share, 2 per cent last year, is expected by National Grid to jump to 12 per cent by the end of this year.

Electricity privatisation saw the old Central Electricity Generating Board divided into a transmission company, National Grid, and the two key generators of which National Power is the larger.

A dozen regional electricity distribution companies (RECs) were also established, based on the old area boards, to act as distributors and suppliers of electricity.

The potential for increased competition is certainly greater in power generation and distribution than with the British Gas monopoly. More competition in gas has been injected by regulatory pressure to persuade British Gas to allow competitors to supply part of the contract market represented by industrial users.

A MMC report last August urged that British Gas should divest its trading interests by 1997. That would mean it would become an exploration, production, pipeline and storage company but no longer a trader in gas. A second recommendation was that relatively small consumers — those taking a modest 1,500 therms a year or more — would be able to buy from any supplier, increasing their chances of a better deal.

Even though there is more competition in the electricity industry, the main engine for change for the time being is still Professor Littlechild, the industry watchdog, at the office of electricity regulation.

The professor has been studying the influence of the two big generators on prices in the electricity wholesale market, known as the pool. Of all the generators, they can most effectively set prices under the pooling system.

Professor Littlechild is said to be close to reaching his conclusions. The chances of a referral of the two generators to the MMC may have been heightened by recent intense lobbying by big industrial users of power. Some of the largest companies, including Blue Circle, GKN and British Steel, have made representations to the professor through the Major Energy Users Group and the Energy Intensive Users Group.

The question is whether the two generators have used their market power to manipulate prices in the pool for England and Wales. Major users point to a 70 per cent rise in industrial energy prices since privatisation.

What a referral would almost certainly do is to make it far more difficult for the government to pursue the idea of selling its stakes in National Power and PowerGen by the spring. Until now they have seemed to be about the most saleable assets in the Treasury's chest as it looks for ways to help fund the public sector borrowing requirement. Since the float of the generators in the spring of 1991 their shares have more than doubled in value.

Trailblazer in charge of the electricity suppliers

The industry watchdog chief has devised a system for keeping down prices

Stephen Littlechild, director-general of Offer, the Office of Electricity Regulation, is a trailblazer among regulators. While he was still a professor at the University of Birmingham he was consulted on how to deal with a utility when it switched from being a public-sector monopoly to a privatised one.

What was then British Telecom, now BT, was the first of the big utility privatisations and regulation was seen as the way to curb any tendency to monopoly excess. To rein in price increases, Professor Littlechild came up with what has become known as the RPI-X per cent formula. With BT, it meant that price rises were restricted, on a number of services, to a chosen percentage below the rate of inflation, measured by the retail price index.

The professor has been the electricity-industry regulator since Offer began operations three and a half years ago. He is an ardent free marketeer who believes that regulation and price capping, are a means of holding the fort until competition arrives in sufficient force to erode the market power of a monopoly or a duopoly, such as that of National Power and PowerGen in electricity generation.

Professor Littlechild has been looking at wholesale prices in what is known as the pool, and particularly at the costs and margins of National Power and PowerGen. There are also continuing consultations on price control for the RECs in their distribution operations. The signs are that the 1994 review will see Professor Littlechild imposing tighter price controls.

In electricity distribution at present, only large users can buy supplies where they choose, usually getting better deals. Next April the chance of negotiating cheaper independent supply deals will be extended to medium-size users. The market will be entirely free in 1998.



Stephen Littlechild: regulator

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Where next for atomic power?

The way ahead for nuclear energy is far from clear



John Collier, the Nuclear Electric chairman, wants his company to be privatised

The government's nuclear review holds the key to the future of Britain's two nuclear generators, Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear. Both have sharpened efficiency, but they see the future differently.

Nuclear Electric wants to be privatised. Scottish Nuclear believes the review should range much more widely, establishing a new energy policy and discouraging emphasis on a single fuel, gas.

James Hann, the chairman of Scottish Nuclear, last week declared that the present market pays too little attention to the long-term future. Lack of diversity in investment — a coded way of saying there are too many eggs in the gas-man's basket — could leave Britain exposed to both monopolistic price increases and political blackmail.

John Collier, the chairman of Nuclear Electric, however, nurses no expectation that nuclear power will be preserved for strategic rather than economic reasons. He is pushing as hard as possible for profitability so that his company can make a credible bid for privatisation.

To do so, Nuclear Electric will need to break even without taking account of the nuclear levy, and devise a way of satisfying investors that they will not be left to pay incalculable costs for decommissioning Magnox stations.

The first objective is within sight. Nuclear Electric's half-year profits, due to be announced next week, are expected to be around £450 million. This, of course, includes the £1.3 billion a year levy; subtract it and the company is still making a loss. But if NE can keep running as fast as it has, the prospects of making a profit without the levy do not seem unrealistic.

Finding a way of dealing with potential liabilities may be harder: only four years ago, nuclear power was dropped from electricity privatisation because of uncertainties about decommissioning costs. Therefore, the government will probably have to promise to cap decommissioning liabilities and cover the costs of accidents. As for Nuclear Electric, it will have to complete Sizewell B and begin operating it successfully, showing that nuclear power is cost competitive. The reward would be the possibility of raising capital for Sizewell C, a 2,600 MW station expected to cost £3.3 billion.

Building Sizewell C could not, however, be a purely commercial decision. As Mr Hann implies, finding a market for nuclear power requires a government prepared to support the industry with more than words.

NIGEL HAWKES
Science editor

£80 million injection sparks profits

Earnings from National Grid lead way to flotation on the stock market

National Grid, which channels electricity along 7,000 kilometres of transmission routes in England and Wales, has spent £80 million ensuring that its systems are among the best, *Derek Harris writes*. It is also proving a good earner for its owners, the regional electricity companies (RECs).

The chances are that late next year or in 1995, National Grid will be floated on the stock market. The 12 RECs would probably retain a minority stake.

National Grid last year raised pre-tax profits by 14 per cent to £381.3 million on sales of £1.4 billion, which suggests the stock market could value it at about £3 billion.

Yet early moves by the RECs towards a flotation seem unlikely. More important now is to see what emerges from the 1994 review of its activities by Offer, the office of electricity regulation.

National Grid's biggest single investment in its improvement drive is £31 million spent on a computerised management system claimed to be the biggest and most modern in the world. Its computer system and sophisticated software have been designed to cope with progressive expansion over the years and to meet demand that can vary from 16,000 megawatts to 48,000 kilowatts. There are also the sudden peaks to be met. At the end of a television screening of a popular film, demand can soar by almost 1,000 megawatts.

The new system is centred on Wokingham, Berkshire, with upgraded area centres in St Albans, Birmingham, Leeds and Bristol. As well as transmitting electricity around the grid, National Grid accepts, via interconnectors, substantial imports from Scotland and France.

National Grid is part of a consortium that will operate Argentina's high-voltage transmission system and it is in talks in India. It is also involved in International Power Systems, a joint venture with Rolls-Royce's Reyrolle, which is bidding for several electricity transmission system prospects worldwide.

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Producers face commercial heat

Critics of the government's decision to privatise the power generation business still find it convenient to peddle the myth that the companies were given their businesses on a silver salver, insulated from commercial pressures.

However, even a cursory glance through the latest operating figures from the two generators, National Power and PowerGen, show that they are having to face the harsh realities of the private sector as well as political and environmental pressures that few other companies have to contend with. They also operate under the eagle-eye of a government-appointed regulator and are being threatened with a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation.

The generators feel that such a referral is unnecessary as the development of competition has emerged more quickly than was envisaged at privatisation. The MMC enquiry would be expensive in terms of management time and provide an unwelcome distraction when profits are being squeezed.

In the case of National Power, the larger of the two, it has seen its turnover drop by 21 per cent and sales fall by 18 per cent in the first six months of this year as power output dropped and savings made on fuel costs were passed on to its customers under the regulatory formula by which it operates.

The privatised power generators are struggling to maintain profits. David Young says

However, National Power still managed to return a 2 per cent growth in profits, increase earnings per share by 6 per cent and announce an increase in dividends to shareholders of 14 per cent.

John Baker, National Power's chief executive, says: "At the same time the customer is getting a better deal. Our new five-year contracts with the regional electricity companies (RECs) and with British Coal came into effect. As a result, our prices to the RECs will be around 10 per cent lower than last year, with a further 1 per cent fall to come in each of the next four years.

"In fact, wholesale electricity prices are lower today than pre-privatisation for everybody except those relatively few but large industrial users who have lost the benefit of earlier subsidies and cross-subsidies."

National Power has kept its nose in front by making substantial investment in new gas-fired plant to replace old coal-fired plant it inherited from the Central Electricity Generating Board. Coal still provides the power from the large-scale power stations, but small coal-fired stations are increasingly becoming inefficient and environmentally unfriendly, although all of them meet existing standards. In addition, coal has to be paid for as it is put into stock, which means at present that National Power has £640 million tied up in coal stocks, a sum which would pay for its 1993 investment programme twice over.

Gas, on the other hand, only has to be paid for as it is used and new gas-fired power stations are now being built at Deeside and Little Barford, with contruction work on another, at Dideot, due to start early next year. There is also consent for a gas-fired station at Staythorpe in Nottinghamshire.

With uncertainty at home in mind, National Power has invested £103 million in taking control of TEVCO, now American National Power. National Power is also leading a consortium seeking to buy the new 600-megawatt Pego power station in Portugal.

National Power also has a small equity stake in the 1,300-megawatt Hub River project in Pakistan, including an operation and maintenance agreement, and a stake in the Elcogas clean-burning project in Spain. The company is also negotiating on several projects in India and China.



John Baker, National Power's chief executive, says that his customers are getting a better deal

Weathering the surges

PowerGen has an unexpected ally

PowerGen, the smaller of the two national generators created by privatisation, has an unusual claim to fame, *writes David Young*.

By its sponsorship of the national TV weather bulletins it can tell its customers when their demand for power will rise and, through its integrated generating plant, it can meet their needs instantly.

This month, PowerGen took the process a stage further when it bought a £45.5 million stake in the Liverpool Bay offshore natural gas field. The investment means that by 1996 PowerGen will be burning its own gas in its own 1,400 megawatt power station at Connah's Quay on Deeside. It will then be able to provide a complete energy service.

PowerGen already leads the way in combined cycle gas turbine technology with two power stations, Killingholme on Humberside and Rye House in Hertfordshire both up and running ahead of schedule.

Ed Wallis, chief executive of Powergen, says: "We were the first major UK electricity generator to recognise the potential of natural gas. Connah's Quay will help to achieve our strategy of having a balanced range of fuels for generations. We believe this will help us to maintain a competitive edge."

Gas watchdog softens its bite

The new head of Ofgas takes a calm approach to changes in the industry

The Spottiswoode era has begun with typical restraint in the affairs of the gas industry, a contrast to the noisy battles involving British Gas and Britain's first watchdog for the industry, Sir James McKinnon, *writes Derek Harris*.

Sir James, in his seven years as director general of Ofgas (the Office of Gas Supply), championed gas consumers to great effect, especially on pricing, and he was forever growling at the heels of the British Gas monopoly.

Clare Spottiswoode, a 40-year-old mother of four, took over the Ofgas chair at the beginning of this month, following a far from conventional career. A graduate of Clare College, Cambridge, she first learnt about the ways of Whitehall as a Treasury economist and then went on to build up and sell two companies.

Ofgas wants stability during any transition

She has taken over at a time when Michael Heseltine, president of the Board of Trade, is soon to announce his decision on recommendations for the future of British Gas made by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC). The MMC has suggested that British Gas should dispose of its trading arm, but that no action needs to be taken on its monopoly of domestic supplies for nearly ten years.

But there has been increasing speculation that Mr Heseltine will alter the timetable and take decisive action to increase competition by eroding the domestic monopoly early. This would be his priority rather than a dismemberment, it is suggested.

The winding up of the tariff monopoly seems likeliest in 1998, coinciding with the removal of all constraints in the domestic electricity market.

Ms Spottiswoode has made it clear that she will take her time to analyse the situation and what should be done following the MMC report.

She believes the government erred originally in privatising British Gas and sees her job broadly as overseeing the widespread introduction of competition into the UK gas market.

She regards the abrasive methods of Sir James as being good for their time because prices were reined in. Her model is more the careful restraint of Stephen Littlechild, the regulator at the Office of Electricity Regulation (Offer), with his commitment to achieving competition progressively.

She has not yet discerned any insuperable problems either in splitting off the trading arm or beefing up competition on domestic supplies. However, it is not just a matter of opening the floodgates to competition, she says. "If we did, it is entirely possible that we will simply swap one monopoly for another, because all the regional electricity companies would come in."

That would not necessarily be against the public interest but would, she says, demand careful consideration. She worries that overfragmentation of the domestic gas market could damage long-term investment in North Sea developments and so be bad for the national economy.

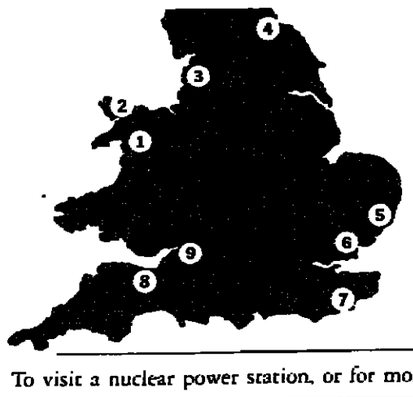
She sees her regulatory function essentially as ensuring stability during a transitional period.



Clare Spottiswoode, the new director general of Ofgas

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Two-stage test for reinstatement order

Port of London Authority v Payne and Others

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Nolan

[Judgment November 3]

An industrial tribunal considering the issue of an appropriate remedy for unfair dismissal under section 69 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 could approach the question whether it would be practicable to order an employer to reinstate or re-engage an employee in *two stages*.

The first stage would be before any order for reinstatement or re-engagement was made when a provisional decision on practicability based on the evidence before the tribunal could be made. The second stage would arise if such an order was made but not complied with, the tribunal having then to make a final conclusion on practicability because it might affect the size of the special award.

The Court of Appeal so stated when, *inter alia*, allowing an appeal on the remedies issue by the applicants from the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (*The Times* July 31, 1992; [1993] ICR 30) but dismissing their appeal on the practicability issue. The court also allowed a cross-appeal by the Port of London Authority on the practicability issue but dismissed their cross-appeal on the compensation issue.

The 12 applicants were Transport and General Workers' Union shop stewards who had been employed at Tilbury and had been made redundant in July 1989 following the abolition of the Dock Labour Scheme. They complained that they had been unfairly dismissed.

The industrial tribunal held that the applicants' dismissal had been unfair because it was for a reason specified in section 58(1)(b) of the 1978 Act (trade union activities). It ordered the PLA to re-engage the 12 applicants. It also held that the PLA had failed to show that it was not practicable for it to comply *with the re-engagement orders*, and decided that the applicants were entitled to a basic award, a compensatory award and a special award.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal allowed the PLA's appeal on the remedies and practicability issues but dismissed their appeal on the liability and compensation issues.

The tribunal had held that the industrial tribunal had erred in failing to determine before making any orders for re-engagement whether it was practicable for the PLA to comply with such orders and, setting aside the remedies decision, ordered that the matter be remitted for a rehearing.

Mr John Hendy QC, Mr John Bowers and Mr Damian Brown for the applicants; Mr Alan Pardoe, QC and Mr Andrew Clarke for the PLA.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the present appeal concerned (i) the validity of the re-engagement orders, (ii) the practicability decision and (iii) the special award.

First, it was clear that where an order for re-engagement was made but not complied with by the employer the question of the practicability of re-engagement might have to be considered by the industrial tribunal at two stages.

Stage 1 was before any order was made and was necessary by reason of the terms of section 69(6)(b). If an order was made but not complied with the tribunal might have to take the question of practicability into account again at stage 2 because it might affect the size of the special award.

Thus whereas under section 75A(1)(a), as inserted by the Employment Act 1982 and amended by the Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Limits of Basic and Special Awards) Order (SI 1989 No 528), the statutory maximum amount of the special award was two years pay, the special award would be three years pay if made under section 71(2)(a). The latter would be made where a section 69 order had not been complied with.

The appeal tribunal concluded that the industrial tribunal had erred in failing to decide the issue of practicability before it made the orders for re-engagement.

In his Lordship's judgment that conclusion did less than justice to the careful assessment which the industrial tribunal had made in the case of each applicant. It was quite true that at stage 1, before an order for re-engagement was made, the industrial tribunal had to make a determination on the evidence before it whether it was practicable for the employer to comply with the order. The necessity for such a determination was apparent from the wording of section 70(1).

But the determination that was made at stage 1 was only provisional: such a conclusion accorded with common sense and was supported by the authorities. The final conclusion as to practicability was made when the employer found whether he could comply with the order within the period prescribed for reinstatement or re-engagement.

At that second stage the burden of proof rested firmly on the employer.

His Lordship, having looked again at the remedies decision came to the clear conclusion that the industrial tribunal had complied properly with the duty imposed on it under section 69(6). It made a sufficient determination on the evidence before it and weighed the relevant circumstances. The remedies decision of the industrial tribunal should be upheld.

The PLA had failed to comply with the re-engagement orders and contended that it was not practicable for them to do so.

It was therefore argued that the special award to be ordered under section 75A should not be increased to the amount specified in section 75A(2). The EAT allowed the PLA's appeal against the practicability decision and remitted that decision to the industrial tribunal for a rehearing. The PLA cross-appealed against that order.

The issue of practicability was a question of fact for the industrial tribunal to decide. The test was practicability not possibility. The industrial tribunal, although it should carefully scrutinise the employer's reasons, should give due weight to the commercial judgment of the management unless witnesses were disbelieved. The standard could not be set too high. It was a matter of what was practicable in the circumstances of the employer's business at the relevant time.

His Lordship came to the conclusion that the industrial tribunal had misdirected itself as to the standard to be applied. It might be that in other circumstances the right course would have been to send the case back to the industrial tribunal to consider whether one or more individuals might have to be re-engaged.

That would not be a sensible course in the present case. His Lordship was satisfied that if the industrial tribunal had directed itself correctly it would have been bound to find that on the evidence it would not have been practicable to re-engage the 12 applicants.

His Lordship then considered the PLA's appeal against the calculation of the special award and dismissed it.

Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Nolan agreed.

Solicitors: Pattinson & Brewer; Masons.

Oath-helping evidence should be excluded

Regina v Robinson (Raymond)

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Mr Justice Schiemann and Mr Justice Wright

[Judgment November 12]

The prosecution could not call a witness of fact and then, without more, call a psychologist or psychiatrist to give reasons why the jury *should regard that witness as* reliable.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing the appeal of Raymond Robinson aged 40 against his conviction at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Wilson-Mellor, QC and a jury) by a verdict of 10 to 2, of indecent assault and rape of a mentally retarded girl aged 15, for which he was sentenced to concurrent terms of three years and five years imprisonment respectively.

Mr R. Alun Jones, QC, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr David J. M. Green for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that at the start of the trial there was a *voir dire* to determine whether the complainant was a competent witness in view of her mental retardation. An educational psychologist was called on that issue and the judge decided that the complainant was competent to give evidence and she did so.

In the course of her cross-examination counsel asked, in regard to certain allegations, "did your mother tell you" and a woman police constable was asked whether she was conscious when taking a statement from the complainant of the risks of putting words into her mouth and the mother was asked whether she had put ideas into the complainant's head.

At the end of the prosecution evidence as originally served counsel for the Crown applied for the educational psychologist to give evidence before the jury whether or not the complainant was suggestible, would be likely to pick up suggestions made to her and repeat them and whether she was likely to fantasise.

Despite defence objection the judge allowed the educational psychologist to be called and she said, essentially, that the complainant remembered important matters quite well, would remember things that happened, could not adopt ideas from someone else *and would have difficulties taking* them on board and relating them; she was not suggestible and her imagination was limited.

The witness did not exclude the possibility of the complainant lying but Mr Jones submitted that the effect of her evidence was to enhance the reliability of the complainant's evidence by excluding such possibilities as an inability to remember, or a vulnerability to suggestion.

His Lordship said that the *locus classicus*, *R v Turner (Terence)* ([1975] *QB 834, 841*) held that an expert's opinion was admissible to furnish the court with scientific information which was likely to be outside the experience and knowledge of a judge or jury. That judgment went on to state: "If on the proven facts a judge or jury can form their own conclusions without help, then the opinion of an expert is unnecessary."

R v Chard ([1971] 56 Cr App R 268) reaffirmed that evidence was not to be admitted to deal with the state of mind of a defendant who was entirely normal.

There had been cases where medical evidence was ruled admissible to attack the reliability of a prosecution witness, as in *R v Toohey* ([1965] AC 595), or to cast doubt on the reliability of confessions by the defendant: *R v Raghip (The Times* December 9, 1991) and *R v Ward (Judith)* ([1993] 1 WLR 619).

In a proper case, evidence from a psychiatrist or psychologist might be admissible to show that a confession was unreliable. Mr Jones pointed out that there was no case in which such evidence had been admitted to boost, bolster or enhance the evidence of a Crown witness or, indeed, of any witness. In a Canadian case, *R v Kyselka* ((133 CCC 103, 107) Chief Justice Porter of Ontario said that there was no warrant or authority for such oath-helping as had occurred in the circumstances of that case, reminiscent as it was of the method before the Norman Conquest by which a defendant in a civil suit or an accused person proved his case by calling witnesses to swear that the oath of the party *was true*.

In their Lordships' view, the Crown could not call a witness of fact and then, without more, call a psychologist or psychiatrist to give reasons why the jury should regard that witness as reliable.

Mr Jones accepted that, if the defence proposed to call an expert witness to say that a Crown witness of fact should be regarded as unreliable because of some mental abnormality outwith the jury's experience, then, depending on the precise issue it might be open to the Crown to call an expert in rebuttal, or even, anticipating the defence expert, as part of the prosecution case.

It might even be open to the Crown to rebut by expert evidence a case put only in cross-examination that a prosecution witness was unreliable in a particular respect arising from abnormality and of the cross-examination. If such evidence was admitted, great care would need to be taken to restrict the expert opinion to meeting the specific challenge and not to allow it to extend to oath-helping.

In the present case no specific case was put in cross-examination that the complainant was peculiarly suggestible or given to fantasise as a result of her mental impairment. No evidence was to be called for the defence impugning the complainant's reliability.

In those circumstances, the evidence of the educational psychologist should not have been admitted. Their Lordships could not be sure that, without that evidence, the jury, with their majority verdict, would necessarily have reached the same conclusion.

Solicitors: CPS, London.

Concealing name of person with notifiable disease

Birmingham Post and Mail Ltd v Birmingham City Council

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Holland

[Judgment November 12]

It was against the public interest and the fair administration of justice for a court to allow the publication of the name and address of a person with a notifiable disease against whom an *ex parte* order was made requiring his removal to hospital under section 37 of the Public Health (Control of Diseases) Act 1984.

Nevertheless, once all reasonable opportunity to challenge such an order had passed, there was no interest of justice involved any longer in the further continuance of the order.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court *so held in a reserved* judgment allowing an appeal by the Birmingham Post and Mail Ltd against the order of Mr Bruce Morgan, Birmingham Stipendiary Magistrate, on November 20, 1991, prohibiting publication of the name of a person against whom Birmingham City Council had applied *ex parte* for removal to a hospital. The appeal was allowed on the ground that the magistrate's order should have been limited in time.

Mr Manuel Barca for the appellant; Mr Philip Havers as *amicus curiae*; neither the council nor the patient was present or represented.

LORD JUSTICE MANN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the magistrate, having refused to hear the council's *ex parte* application in chambers or *in camera* and before hearing any evidence, made the order of prohibition without limit of time, purportedly under section 11 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981.

After hearing evidence, he made a removal order being satisfied the person suffered from tuberculosis, a notifiable disease. Under section 11 of the 1984 Act a medical practitioner was obliged to inform his local authority the name, age and sex of a person he was either aware or suspected of suffering from such a disease.

His Lordship said that such notification was a breach of the confidence ordinarily subsisting as between a doctor and his patient and which was in the public interest to maintain. However, such disclosure was enjoined by the 1984 Act and disclosure to satisfy a statutory requirement was recognised by the General Medical Council: see *Professional Conduct and Discipline: Fitness to Practise* (January 1993, paragraph 85).

The newspaper's application the following day for leave to vary or discharge the order on the ground that it was in the interests of the residents of Birmingham to know whether there had been an infectious person in their neighbourhood was refused.

His Lordship said that although the news was now stale, a point of general importance was perceived. The magistrate had power to allow *the person's name to be withheld* from the public but it was a constrained power. It was to be exercised in accord with the speech of Lord Diplock in *Attorney-General v Leveller Magazine Ltd* ([1979] AC 440, 449H-450D).

The question before the court was now refined as to whether the publication of the person's name and address "would frustrate ... the administration of justice or would damage some other public interest ..."

For understandable reasons an application under section 37 of the 1984 Act could be made *ex parte* and that involved a statutorily enabled breach of the obligation of confidentiality between doctor and patient.

The possibility of the breach might make an informed patient cautious of seeking medical advice over symptoms of what was, rightly or wrongly, regarded as an opprobrious disease.

The administration of justice required that courts should act in a fair manner. To allow publication of the name and address of a person against whom an *ex parte* order was made under the 1984 Act was not fair.

However, once all reasonable opportunity to challenge such an order had passed, whether by application for a writ of habeas corpus, or by appeal to the crown court, the event of the order became historic. No interest of justice was any longer involved. Any wish to protect privacy or avoid embarrassment was not a ground for further continance of an order: see *R v Evesham Justices, Ex parte McDonagh* ([1988] QB 553).

His Lordship added that the court emphasised how important it was that those exercising their powers under section 11 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 should give immediate and written reasons for doing so: see *Practice Direction (Contempt: Reporting Restrictions)* ([1982] 1 WLR 1475). Open justice demanded no less.

Solicitors: Pinsent & Co, Birmingham: Treasury Solicitor.

Bankrupt's company offence absolute

Regina v Brockley

Before Lord Justice Henry, Mr Justice Otton and Mr Justice Garland

[Judgment November 10]

The offence of acting as the director of a company while an undischarged bankrupt was an absolute offence requiring no element of *mens rea* or guilty intent for a finding of guilt.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division so held when dismissing the appeal of Frank Brockley who was convicted at Swansea Crown Court (Judge Lewis Bowen) of acting as a director of a company being an undischarged bankrupt contrary to section 13 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. The defendant had pleaded guilty after a ruling by the trial judge that the offence was absolute. He was sentenced to six months imprisonment suspended for two years.

Mr Frank Phillips, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Kevin Riordan for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY, giving the judgment of the court, said that on March 18, 1976 the defendant was adjudged bankrupt. He was ultimately discharged on December 19, 1989 under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Meanwhile, he had without leave of the court carried on the business of a hotel company from October 1, 1988.

The defence was that he genuinely believed he had been discharged before October 1, 1988. Enquiry of the Official Receiver would have shown that he was not discharged but the defendant had made no such enquiry. The prosecution made a formal admission to the court that the defendant was unaware that he was not discharged from his bankruptcy.

The question the court had to consider was whether the defendant had a defence in law. The sole question was whether section 11(1) of the 1986 Act constituted an absolute offence or whether *mens rea should be imported into it*.

Their Lordships considered that they, as the trial judge had, could go straight to Lord Scarman's distillation of the law in *Gammon (Hong Kong) Limited v Attorney-General of Hong Kong* ([1985] AC 1, 14).

The mischief section 11 was aimed at was clearly of social concern. The answer was clear: strict liability would oblige those adjudged bankrupt to ensure that their bankruptcy was in fact discharged before they engaged in any of the forbidden activities in relation to a company.

Solicitors: Solicitor to Department of Trade and Industry.

Possession order was reasonable

Sheffield City Council v Green

It was reasonable for a possession order to be made against a council tenant who for many years had breached the terms of his tenancy agreement by keeping a dog in his flat.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Roch) so held on November 8 when dismissing an appeal by Mr Malcolm Edward Green from an order for possession of 16 Brook Drive in favour of Sheffield City Council made by Judge Cotton in Sheffield County Court on March 7, 1991.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that Mr Green had had the dog, now aged 16, at the flat for his wife's protection when the Yorkshire Ripper had been active.

He was now divorced and wanted to keep his old friend for companionship. He regarded it as cruelty to put her down but undertook not to get another dog after she died.

But it was not for the court to consider whether the council should as an act of mercy waive Mr Green's breach of covenant. The judge was not wrong to make the possession order.

Right to deal with registered land

Chancery plc v Ketteringham

Before Mr David Neuberger, QC

[Judgment September 23]

The proprietor of a legal charge over registered land, validly entered on the charges register with the consent of a person who had, pursuant to section 54 of the Land Registration Act 1925, previously procured the entry of a caution on the proprietorship register, might deal with the land in question free of any rights of such prior cautioner.

Mr David Neuberger QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, so held in *declaring that the plaintiff*, Chancery plc, was entitled to deal with a block of flats at 3 Alton Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, free of any rights therein of the defendant, Ralph Daniel Ketteringham, by reason of an agreement by the freeholder to grant him a long lease of one of the flats and his entry of a caution to that effect in the proprietorship register.

Mr Ernest Scamell for the plaintiff; Mr Daniel Gerrans for the *defendant*.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in December 1987 a firm of developers, B & C, had simultaneously acquired the freehold of premises and agreed with the defendant to grant him, in consideration of a premium of £95,000, a long lease of one of the flats which B & C proposed to build there.

In February 1988 B & C were registered as proprietors of the premises with title absolute and on March 11 a caution was entered on the proprietorship register in favour of the defendant.

During March, B & C negotiated a loan facility from the plaintiff on terms which included granting it a charge over the freehold, and on May 18, in view of the registration of the defendant's caution, it sought the defendant's *consent to the creation of the* charge in favour of the plaintiff.

After the defendant's solicitors had enquired, and been told, *inter alia*, the amount to be lent and secured by the charge, they wrote on June 3 to the Land Registry, with a copy to B & C's solicitors, giving their consent to the registration of a legal charge in favour of the plaintiff.

On June 8, the plaintiff agreed to provide B & C with a facility of £570,000 and on June 27, B & C executed in the plaintiff's favour a legal charge of the freehold, which the plaintiff caused to be entered in the land charges register.

The defendant went into occupation of the flat in August 1989, but no lease was granted to him; and the plaintiff now sought to enforce its charge against B & C free of the defendant's lease contract.

He relied on the decision of Mr Justice Ferris in *Clark v Chief Land Registrar* ([1993] Ch 294), in which the second issue raised a question of priority between a prior caution and a subsequent registration of a legal charge, the only difference being that in *Clark* the cautioner had not, by an oversight, been notified by the Land Registry before it entered the legal charge on the register.

Mr Gerrans had contended that *Clark* was inconsistent with Mr Justice Plowman's decision in *Parkash v Irani Finance Ltd* ([1970] Ch 101). Assuming that was so, the decision of Mr Justice Nourse in *Colchester Estates (Cardiff) v Carlton Industries plc* ([1986] 1 Ch 80, 85E-H) gave clear guidance as to the proper approach for his Lordship to follow.

If a decision of a court, reached after full consideration of an earlier one which had gone the other way, were normally to be *open to review on a third occasion* at the same level, there would be no end to it: instead, the point should be regarded as settled when the earlier decision had been fully considered, but not followed, in the later one, save only in the rare case where the third judge was convinced that the second had been wrong not to follow the first.

Here, it seemed to his Lordship that for the defendant to persuade him not to follow Mr Justice Ferris was even harder than that of the defendant in the *Colchester* case, because part at least of the reasoning of Mr Justice Ferris had been based on the subsequent decision of the Court of Appeal in *Barclays Bank Ltd v Taylor* ([1974] Ch 137).

However, Mr Gerrans had also submitted that *Clark* was inconsistent with *dicta* of Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, and Lord Justice Harman in *In re White Rose Cottage* ([1965] Ch 940).

But although that case had not been cited in *Clark*, the *dicta* relied upon had been set out by Mr Justice Plowman in *Parkash*, so, albeit indirectly, the reasoning of and central observations in *White Rose* had been before Mr Justice Ferris.

It appeared to his Lordship that that reasoning, read in the context of the contest in *White Rose*, namely, between two competing equitable charges, neither of which was registered, was compatible with the conclusion reached in *Clark*.

Accordingly, his Lordship would follow the decision in *Clark* and grant the declaration sought by the plaintiff.

Solicitors: Fladgate Fielder; Trevanions, Parkstone.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

National law and free movement of goods

Keck and Another

Joined Cases C-267 and C-268/91

Before O. Due, President and Judges G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, M. Diez de Velasco, D. A. O. Edward, C. N. Kakouris, R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, G. C. Rodriquez Iglesias, F. Grévisse, M. Zuleeg, P. J. G. Kapteyn and J. L. Murray

Advocate General W. Van Gerven

(Opinion April 28)

[Judgment November 24]

The application to products from other member states of national provisions restricting or prohibiting certain selling arrangements was not such as to hinder trade between member states, provided that those provisions applied to all affected traders operating within the national territory and provided that they affected, in the same manner, in law and in fact, the marketing of domestic products and those from other member states.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to a question submitted to it by the *Tribunal de Grande Instance* (Regional Court), Strasbourg, for a preliminary ruling pursuant to article 177 of the EEC Treaty.

Criminal proceedings had been brought against Mr Keck and Mr Mithouard, for re-selling products in an unaltered state at prices lower than their actual purchase price, contrary to article [illegible] French Law No 63-628 of Ju[illegible] 1963, as amended by article 32 of Order No 86-1243 of December 1, 1986.

In their defence Mr Keck and Mr Mithouard contended that a *general prohibition on resale at a* loss, as laid down by those provisions, was incompatible with article 30 of the Treaty and with the principles of the free movement of persons, services, capital and free competition within the Community.

The *Tribunal de Grande Instance*, Strasbourg, taking the view that it required an interpretation of certain provisions of Community law, stayed both sets of proceedings and referred a question to the European Court for a *preliminary ruling*.

Having regard to the written and oral argument presented to the Court, and with a view to giving a useful reply to the referring court, the appropriate course was to look at the prohibition of resale at a loss from the perspective of the free movement of goods.

By virtue of article 30 of the Treaty, quantitative restrictions on imports and all measures having equivalent effect were prohibited between member states.

The European Court had consistently held that any measure which was capable of directly or indirectly, actually or potentially, hindering intra-Community trade constituted a measure having equivalent effect to a quantitative restriction.

It was not the purpose of national legislation imposing a general prohibition on resale at a loss to regulate trade in goods between member states.

Such legislation might, admittedly, restrict the volume of sales, and hence the volume of sales of products from other member states, in so far as it deprived traders of a method of sales promotion, but the question remained whether such a possibility was sufficient to characterise the legislation in question as a measure having equivalent effect to a quantitative restriction on imports.

In view of the increasing tendency of traders to invoke article 30 of the Treaty as a means of challenging any rules whose effect was to *limit their commercial* freedom even where such rules were not aimed at products from other member states, the European Court considered it necessary to re-examine and clarify its case-law on that matter.

In *Cassis de Dijon* (Case 120/78 *Rewe-Zentral v Bundesmonopolverwaltung fur Branntwein* ([1979] ECR 649)) it was held that, in the absence of harmonisation of legislation, measures of equivalent effect prohibited by article 30 included obstacles to the free movement of goods where they were the consequence of applying rules that laid down requirements to be met by such goods (such as requirements as to designation, form, size, weight, composition, presentation, labelling, packaging) to goods from other member states where they were lawfully manufactured and marketed, even if those rules applied without distinction to all products unless their application could be justified by a public-interest objective taking precedence over the free movement of goods.

However, contrary to what had previously been decided, the application to products from other member states of national provisions restricting or prohibiting certain selling arrangements was not such as to hinder directly or indirectly, actually or potentially, trade between member states within the meaning of the *Dassonville* judgment (Case 8/74 ([1974] ECR 837)), provided that those provisions applied to all affected traders operating within the national territory and provided that they affected in the same manner, in law and in fact, the marketing of domestic products and of those from other member states.

Where those conditions were fulfilled, the application of such rules to the sale of products from another member state meeting the requirements laid down by that state was not by nature such as to prevent their access to the market or to impede access any more than it impeded the access of domestic products.

Such rules therefore fell outside the scope of article 30 of the Treaty.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

Article 30 of the EEC Treaty was to be interpreted as not applying to legislation of a member state which imposed a general prohibition on resale at a loss.

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Anthony Victor Lomas
22 November 1993

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R. Brindley, Director.

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NOTICE is hereby given that any person having an interest or claim against the Squirrel Horn plc Retirement Benefits Plan (1978) (formerly known as the Squirrel Horn Limited Retirement Benefits Plan (1978) and comprising the Squirrel Horn Limited Retirement Benefits Plan (1970)) is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim to the Trustees of the Plan at Independent Pension Trustees plc, 28 Scotland Street, GLASGOW G5 8NB and to send such particulars not later than 15 January 1994 after which date the Trustees will distribute the fund among the persons of whom they have notice and will not, as regards the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have had notice.
Claims need not be made by persons in receipt of a communication from the Trustees dated 10 November 1993.
A N MacG FRASER, Director.
Independent Pension Trustees plc for and on behalf of the Trustees of the Squirrel Horn plc Retirement Benefits Plan (1978)

Red Lion Garage (Barrow) Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7BH on 15 December 1993 at 10.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 49 of the said Act.
Creditors are entitled to vote at this meeting only if:
a) he has forwarded to the Joint Administrative Receivers, P R Sykes and J R Hall of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7BH not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the above company, and the claim has been duly admitted for the purpose of entitlement to vote, and
b) there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Unsecured creditors may obtain, free of charge, a copy of the Administrative Receiver's report by writing to P R Sykes of BDO Binder Hamlyn at the above address quoting reference SE/80.
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
J. PRICE (KINGS CROSS) LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 6th December 1993 at 4, Chatterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12 00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 18 day of November 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
S.J. PURCELL, DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 008847 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
D. ANDERSON & SON LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 12th October 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £17,000,000 to £12,644,000.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 8th day of December 1993.
ANY creditor or shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 23rd day of November 1993.
Lace Mawer
Castle Chambers 43 Castle Street Liverpool L2 9SU

No 009419 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF SELECT APPOINTMENTS (HOLDINGS) PLC
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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 3rd November 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share capital of the above-named Company from £4,060,990 to £3,300,000 and the cancellation of the share premium account of the above-named Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday the 8th day of December 1993.
ANY creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share capital and cancellation of the share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 25rd day of November 1993
CHARLES RUSSELL
Hale Court, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3UL
Solicitors for the above-named Company

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NOTICE to creditors and others to make their claims against THE TRUSTEES OF THE ALMA GROUP PENSION SCHEME
NOTICE is hereby given that any person having an interest or claim against the Alma Group Pension Scheme is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim to the Trustees of the Scheme at Independent Pension Trustees plc, 28 Scotland Street, GLASGOW G5 8NB and to send such particulars not later than 15 January 1994 after which date the Trustees will distribute the fund among the persons of whom they have notice and will not, as regards the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have had notice.
Claims need not be made by persons in receipt of a communication from the Trustees dated 10 November 1993.
A N MacG FRASER, Director.
Independent Pension Trustees plc for and on behalf of the Trustees of the Alma Group Pension Scheme

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1993 - 94
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
Notice is hereby given that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by the University of London for leave to introduce a Bill (hereinafter referred to as "the Bill") under the above name or short title for the purposes of which the following is a concise summary.
1) To empower the Council of the University, being a new body replacing the University's Senate and Court, to make statutes for that University.
2) To provide for the approval of statutes by Her Majesty in Council and for the construction of instruments in consequence of the establishment of the Council in place of the Senate and the Court and of the proposed new descriptions of Schools of the University as Colleges.
3) To repeal the University of London Act 1978 and to enact provisions incidental to or consequential upon that repeal and the above mentioned purposes.
On and after 3rd December 1993 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 80p each at the University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU; and at the offices of the undermentioned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents.
Objections to the Bill may be made by deposition a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill office of that House will be 29th January 1994; if it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 7th February 1994. Further information may be obtained from the Private Bill office of the House of Commons, the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, Royce of Lords or the undermentioned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents.
Dated this 25th day of November 1993
REES & FRERES
1 The Sanctuary, Westminster, London SW1P 3JT
Parliamentary Agents

PUBLIC NOTICES

Benditt's Maternity Charity and F.C. Morgan Memorial Fund
Charity Commission No: 253965
The Trustees of the above Charities in the City of Westminster & the County of London, hereby give Notice that their have passed a Resolution under Section 74 (2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993 transferring the property of the Charities named above to the Consolidated Charity of the United Westminster Almshouses Group of Charities. Charity Commission Number 240202 at 42 Pembridge Road, W11 3HL.
Any interested person wishing to make representations regarding this said Resolution may do so quoting the Charity Reference at the head of this notice within a period of six weeks from the date of this notice by writing to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales at St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX.
Dated 4/11/93. Trustee.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Astbury Scholarship Fund
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St. Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DGY-31494GA/1-LS
Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

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Rutherford left with weak hand to play

FROM PETER ROEBUCK IN HOBART

FRESH from their victory over an improving South Australia cricket team, New Zealand approach the second Test match in Hobart, starting tomorrow, in better heart than might be supposed.

Although hopelessly outclassed on paper, denied the services of their captain and best batsman, of Willie Watson, their most persistent bowler, and possibly of Chris Cairns, too, they can nevertheless be expected to give Australia a fight. Most particularly, they can be expected to rally behind Ken Rutherford, who will lead them for the rest of this tour while Martin Crowe's damaged knee recovers from surgery.

Crowe led New Zealand in the drawn first Test match in Perth before returning home for an operation on a knee injury that was badly inflamed and causing him problems when he was running between wickets. He originally damaged it while preparing for the tour and now anticipates returning to Wellington's four-day Shell Trophy fixture against Otago starting on January 18.

Failure can have been predicted about few men as confidently as it was about Rutherford. Give him a cigarette, they said, buy him a beer, take off the fast men, remove the pressure, and he is as good as anyone.

He fulfilled few of the accepted notions of what it takes to succeed, in particular Pasteur's dictum that "fortune favours the prepared mind". Geniality seemed to be his way of retreating from expectation.

For years he disappointed. It took 30 Tests before his average crept above 20, and though he did plunder 317 in a festival game at Scarborough in 1986, even his most faithful supporters were perturbed.

Only colleagues in Dunedin spoke up for him, praising his talent and spirit. Neil Mallender, the Somerset and England bowler, a team-mate at Otago, played under Rutherford and constantly sang his praises, and Mallender is a Yorkshireman, a breed notoriously hard to please save by other Yorkshiremen.

How suddenly things can change. Reluctantly selected, Rutherford was Crowe's staunchest ally during New Zealand's outstanding World Cup campaign, averaging 42. In nine Test matches since, he has averaged 50.

Now, he is captaining his country not quite for the first time, but in the tightest of corners. Two years ago, such a challenge would have been deemed far beyond him. Now he can be seen as a gifted young man whose greatest need had been a bit of luck.

In truth, Rutherford is leading a wounded team. If Cairns has recovered, he is expected to choose Doull and de Groen to support Morrison. Simon Doull is a tall purveyor of outswing, previously suspected of lacking heart. But he took nine for 109 in 37.4 overs against South Australia, decisively out-performing Su'a, who played in the first Test in Perth.

Richard de Groen, who is 31, took five for 80 from 41 overs in Adelaide with his accurate swingers.

Pace bowlers may find some help in the Hobart pitch that will have more spring in its step than usual. Both teams scored nigh on 500 runs in last week's Sheffield Shield game there and the pitch was criticised, so a more imaginative surface has been prepared.

Australia plan to play their Ashes attack, two spinners plus Reiffel and a strike bowler. McGrath is expected to be twelfth man, with Mark Waugh being given greater bowling responsibilities. They will be facing a team with three unsung newcomers, one of whom, Bryan Young, will bat at No 5 with Patel at No 6.

By rights, they ought to trounce this opposition, but failure has been predicted for this New Zealand side before, just as confidently as it was for Rutherford, and neither is beaten yet.

AUSTRALIA (from): M A Taylor, M J Slater, D C Boon, M E Waugh, A R Border (captain), S R Waugh, I A Healy, P R Reiffel, S K Warne, T B A May, C J McDermott, G D McGrath.

NEW ZEALAND (from): M J Greatbatch,, B A Pocock, A H Jones, K R Rutherford (captain), B A Young, D N Patel, C L Cairns, T E Blain, D K Morrison, R P de Groen, S B Doull, M L Su'a.

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TOMORROW

***The Times* will publish the first-class cricket fixtures for 1994**



MARC ASPLAND

Bingham, of Cambridge University, gets to grips with Mapletoft's attempt to elude him at Grange Road yesterday

Dropping behind pass-masters



DAVID HANDS
Rugby Commentary

It used to be said that, whatever the failings of British sides playing overseas, we could still teach the colonials a thing or two about back play. No matter that South Africans or New Zealanders would produce gigantic, horny-handed packs to hammer the Brits into submission, the supposed moral superiority of home-bred threequarters was like a comforting blanket.

Some of it was true, too. The three British Isles parties of the 1950s included some of the classic backs to have been produced by the four home unions, whereas the All Blacks, for example, never seemed chock full of midfield genius. Not that it seemed to stop them producing a string of try-scoring wings who must have been getting the ball from somewhere.

The contrast between the cosy glow of what was (Geoff Cooke, the England manager, describes "that golden era which the facts do not entirely bear out") and what is, was brought home last weekend. New Zealand, who play England this Saturday, had just scored seven tries against the hapless Scots; less than 24 hours later as England trained a gravelly Antipodean voice belonging to Bob Templeton, who divides his time between coaching Australia and Harlequins, pondered anew why English backs stand so far apart.

Who are the teachers now? Not too many of the passes made by the All Blacks may find their way into textbooks but they work: overarm, overhead, through the legs, it does not really matter how the ball finds its way to the man in space so long as it does. The classical swing of the hips and show of the ball all takes up time and time is a rare commodity in crowded midfields these days.

All too frequently in English club rugby centres stay too far away from each other and allow themselves either to be run out of the game by defenders, find themselves too far away to support the ball-carrier in the tackle, or unable to change effectively the angle of attack. Nor have English stand-off halves, by and large, mastered the art of the long cut-out pass accurately; which is not to say they do not try it but they do not do it well (as television cruelly exposed when Leicester attempted such a ploy against Harlequins in their recent league meeting). Maybe it will be different at Twickenham — if England's game plan incorporates the use of the back division.

Their emerging players showed them the way against the All Blacks on Tuesday, though it was not until they were 16 points down that they began to play a genuine risk game — and made their opponents look comparatively ordinary when they did. Perhaps they should have started in that vein, too.

The 66,000 who watch Saturday's international will also find themselves part of yet another appeal. No one will deny, though, the worth of the fund instituted by Ian Beer, the president of the Rugby Football Union, who has invited clubs and schools up and down the country to dedicate this weekend to raising money for SPIRE (Support Paraplegics in Rugby Enterprise).

Beer tells the story of the small, relatively impecunious club where he was the guest speaker recently. During the evening he mentioned the SPIRE appeal and its £1 million target, and an on-the-spot collection realised £550 towards it.

That, though, was not enough: "The next day that same club sent me a cheque for £450 because they felt they should make it up to four figures," Beer says, enthusing — as well he might — about the generosity which exists within rugby union in so many unforeseen places.

I imagine rugby clubs feel a bit like parents sometimes: just when they think they have some spare cash something comes along to use it. Even when they haven't any to spare, still the requests come in and invariably they respond — as their members will on Saturday.

So have the RFU's sponsors, whose contribution to the game is so frequently undervalued; they have underpinned the day so that those who suffer spinal injuries through playing rugby may receive the sustained support which their condition will need.

Defeat adds insult to injury for dejected Cambridge

Cambridge University .. 31
Steele-Bodger's XV 43

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FOR one reason or another, neither Oxford nor Cambridge's invitation outings before the university match on December 7 have proved satisfactory this season. Oxford found their opposition too weak whereas Cambridge, at a chilly Grange Road yesterday, found their match against Micky Steele-Bodger's XV disrupted by injuries.

When both sides lost two players around half-time, what promised to be an enterprising game became a disjointed affair. Since one of them was Chris Tynan, the Canadian scrum half who bruised a shoulder trying to stop Greenwood's try, Cambridge's concern was real.

Tynan has been their mainspring, his repertoire including accurate goalkicking, and much will revolve round him at Twickenham.

However Phil Callow, the Cambridge captain, is confident both his half backs will be fit for December 7, with the teams to be named on Monday. Kennedy, the first-choice stand-off half, missed the match yesterday because of an inflamed groin and in his place Boyd, who is in contention for a blue on the wing, fared well scoring a deserved try.

But Cambridge, who lost by five goals, a try and a penalty goal to four goals and a penalty, could seldom tie down the invitation back row or Clough, the Wasps centre, who scored three tries.

SCORERS: Cambridge University: Tries: Roy, Thompson, Boyd, penalty try Conversions: Thompson (3), Tynan. Penalty goal: Tynan. Steele-Bodger's XV: Tries: Clough (3), W Greenwood, Rollitt. Unnat. Conversions: Mapletoft (5). Penalty goal: Mapletoft

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: A Dalwood (St Alban's & St Edmund's), A Arentsen (Cardiff HS & Corpus Christi), P Bingham (Ambleloth & St Edmund's), A Palfrey (St Cyre's & Hughes Hall), W Thompson (Arnold & Magdelene), A Boyd (St Olave's & Jesus), C Tynan (Magee HS, Vancouver & Hughes Hall), T Hughes (Harrow & Trinity), *A Read (RGS High Wycombe & Hughes Hall), *P Callow (Oakham and Fitzwilliam), P Irons (Wellington College & Hughes Hall), R Bramley (QEGS Wakefield & St Edmund's), S Roy (David Hughes, Anglesey & Hughes Hall), N Richardson (King's Worcester & St Edmund's), A Meadows (Sedburgh & St Edmund's) Tynan replaced by J Davies (Greshams & Queens', 40min); Bingham replaced by S Phillips (RGS Worcester & St Edmunds, 46).

STEELE-BODGER'S XV: M Mapletoft (Rugby): P Greenwood (Richmond), *F Clough (Wasps), W Greenwood (Wasps), G Bird (Cambridge University): *A Davies (Cardiff), S Bates (Wasps), M Linnett (Moseley), S Rodgers (West London Institute), W Bulloch (Coventry), P Alston (Bedford), R Baxter (Gloucester), *S O'Leary (Wasps), R Hill (Saracens), S Dunnell (Llanelli) Dunnell replaced by E Rollitt (Cambridge University, 40); Greenwood replaced by C Pring (Cambridge University, 40).

Referee: F Burger (South Africa).
* a blue

Istanbul will bid for 2004 Olympic Games

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ISTANBUL, which lost a bid to host the 2000 Olympic Games, will try again for the year 2004, Sukru Erdem, the minister for sport, said yesterday. "All international competitions to take place in Istanbul will be opportunities to show the world that this city deserves the Games," he was quoted as saying by the Anatolian news agency.

Istanbul competed against Sydney, Peking, Manchester and Berlin in the competition to host the 2000 Games. But it polled only seven votes when the decision to award the Games to Sydney was made in September. Tansu Ciller, the prime minister, said at the time that Turkey had learnt from the experience of the campaign.

Two of the driving forces behind Sydney's successful bid for the Games — Bob Elphinston and Rod McGeoch — said yesterday said they are not interested in becoming chief executive officer of the organizing committee.

Citing a drain on his time with his family, McGeoch's decision followed weeks of reported acrimony and controversy over Games committee appointments and his own walkout from a dinner organized by the Australian Olympic Committee last Thursday to honour Sydney's victory.

In letters to news organizations, McGeoch also distanced himself from what he called "speculation" by journalists that he wanted greater acknowledgment of his role in the Games bid victory over leading rivals Peking and Manchester in Monte Carlo in September.

"I do not seek any further acknowledgment of any contribution that I might have made towards Sydney's success," McGeoch's letter said. He remains a member of the Sydney Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games.

McGeoch later said Elphinston would be a good candidate for the chief executive's job, saying Elphinston's work in the bid office proved he was "someone who had the necessary capabilities" needed by the Games chief.

While admitting he was "flattered" by the comments, Elphinston said he did not propose to be a candidate for the position. "I believe that the skills I have are better suited in another role within the organization, hopefully in a similar position to the one I occupied within the bid office," he said.

SPORTS LETTERS

The way ahead for England

From Mr D. A. Graham

Sir, Now that Graham Taylor has bowed to the inevitable, and with none of the present club managers appearing to relish the role of building up a new winning England team, is not the perfect solution for a committee made up of all the leading football journalists to be appointed? They appear to have all the answers.

Yours truly,
DENNIS A. GRAHAM,
326 Hatfield Road,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Michael Burnett

Sir, England's elimination from the World Cup in Bologna exhibited at least one behavioural improvement. With the scoring of each of the seven goals there were, for once, no unseemly displays of hysteria in which the scorer is set upon by delirious teammates.

Why can't they always behave like this?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BURNETT,
Knoll House,
Studland, Dorset.

From Mr A. Gibbs-Barton

Sir, Now that the United Kingdom will not be sending a team to the 1994 World Cup finals, why not reinstitute the home international championship?

Yours etc.,
ALISDAIR GIBBS-BARTON,
18 Fulmar Drive,
South Beach,
Blyth,
Northumberland.

Easier to watch on television

From Mr Robert Peacock

Sir, Mr Tony Hallett's vision of Twickenham (Sports Letters, November 4) begs one important question: how does the man on the Clapham omnibus obtain entrance to the stadium on the big match days in order to enjoy all the wonderful facilities about which Mr Hallett eulogises?

In my experience, to be sure of a ticket, you need to have access to either corporate hospitality or sufficient disposable income to be able to afford a Rose debenture, the individual prices to which I note Mr Hallett did not allude. I understand that you may also join a rugby club and obtain tickets through a club ballot or similar process.

Even when you telephone the Rugby Football Union, which I did last May after a recent bout of advertising by them, to enquire about the Rose debentures, you are put off by (a) price, (b) the poorly located seats now available to the general public and (c) a voice informing you that you have to go away and join a club before you can apply for a debenture (presumably by which time all will have been snapped up).

What is interesting, however, is that there is no problem in obtaining tickets for the not-so-big matches at Twickenham — international or otherwise — presumably because the ground is unlikely to be filled via the time-honoured methods.

It therefore seems that you need both the patience of Job and a large bank balance in the black, in order to be able to enjoy Twickenham at first hand on big match days. Much better, surely, to let Mr Hallett's "bankers" struggle with the conundrum, pay your licence fee and enjoy the experience vicariously on television.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT PEACOCK,
44 Castelnau, SW13.

Gower made right decision

From Mr N. Bloomfield

Sir, Sad as I am to see the announcement of David Gower's retirement, I cannot agree with Mr B. W. Watson (Sports Letters, November 18) who blames the England selectors for driving him from the game. Gower has retired because he could not reproduce consistently the form to merit England selection. Without the inducement of Test cricket he has found it hard to raise enthusiasm for the county game.

Whatever else they may have done, the selectors cannot be blamed for this. You cannot pick a batsman in the hope that he will step up his game on the big occasion.

After the last tour to Australia, in 1990-1, Gower was lucky to have been picked again at all. Although he passed Geoff Boycott's run-scoring record, and was at the crease when victory was secured in the fourth Test at Headingley, he did little else during the 1992 series against Pakistan to maintain the selectors' faith.

His one decent score (73 in the third Test at Old Trafford) was, by his own admission, a somewhat streaky affair. He was also guilty of not protecting the tail on all occasions.

The subsequent decision not to select him for India was entirely correct (the decision not to take Russell was much more serious). Last season he simply did not score runs consistently enough to justify selection.

The truth is that, like all sportsmen who rely purely on timing, Gower's gifts have deserted him with age. He has become a player who, on a good day, might give you a lot of trouble, but who all too frequently for someone of his talents would be dismissed for 20 or 30.

Whereas other players might have buckled down to extra net practice, and to grinding out big scores on the county circuit, it was not in his nature to do this. As a result, he has produced only the occasional big score, and not the sort of heavy run-scoring that demands selection.

I am sure that his decision to retire is the correct one. I would much rather remember him as the destroyer of Australia in the summer of 1985, rather than as the slightly bitter figure he appeared to be in danger of becoming the longer he played.

Yours faithfully,
N. BLOOMFIELD,
22 Cornbury Crescent,
Downhead Park,
Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire.

Credit to game

From Mr Ken Deeks

Sir, In the face of so many adverse stories, I would like to report how one sportsman brought credit to himself, his team and his game.

Manchester United were recently involved in a match in Turkey which made headlines for the wrong reasons: fans damaging hotels, players booked and sent off, police wielding batons and striking players as they left the pitch.

Less than 24 hours later, a telephone company sponsored a firework display in Bury in aid of the Bryan Robson Scanner Appeal. Despite all the problems and arriving back in the country in the early hours, Robson kept his pledge to attend.

He brought with him three colleagues and all four behaved splendidly throughout the proceedings. They were constantly mobbed with requests for autographs and photographs; they complied with courtesy and humour.

During the latter part of the evening, Robson in particular was called upon to pose for various photographs, make speeches, cut cakes, wear sloganed sweatshirts, etc. He displayed friendliness and warmth to all involved.

Don't forget that all of this was for charity, and Robson himself earned nothing from attending. His behaviour can only help to influence younger people in the Manchester area for the better.

In these days of petulant and aggressive behaviour often demonstrated by so-called superstars it was refreshing to see someone deserving of that status acting in such a professional and caring manner.

Yours sincerely,
KEN DEEKS,
Divisional Director,
Arrow Public Relations,
Manhattan House,
140 High Street,
Crowthorne,
Berkshire.

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Ireland united

From Mr J. C. Delamere

Sir, Surely now must be a golden opportunity for the Republic and Northern Ireland to join forces and play as one footballing country. With the retirement of Billy Bingham and the South going to the World Cup finals in the United States, what better opportunity to combine resources and go forward together in the manner of the Irish rugby team.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. DELAMERE,
The Old Rectory,
Avening,
Gloucestershire.

Thirty years on

From Mr Adrian H. Selby

Sir, About 30 years ago Harlequins had a prop forward, D. F. B. Wrench, who was no angel on the field. How ironic, therefore, that the author of a letter (November 18) extolling fair play and sportsmanship so passionately should have the same name and initials.

They cannot be one and the same person, can they?

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN H. SELBY,
81 Western Road,
Wolverton,
Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire.

Cricket mystery

From Mr Ralph Gartenberg

Sir, Can someone explain to me why the scratching of a cricket ball with a fingernail is regarded as illegal, whereas "polishing" one side of the ball against the person is not?

Yours in puzzlement,
RALPH GARTENBERG,
Gaverne Cottage,
14 Cuckoo Hill Drive,
Pinner, Middlesex.

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Kapil Dev run out ... 7
†V Yadav c Rhodes b de Villiers ... 3
A Kumble c McMillan b Snell ... 0
J Srinath b de Villiers ... 4
S Ankola not out ... 2
Extras (lb 5, w 5, nb 3) ... 13
Total (50 overs) ... 195
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-18, 3-18, 4-53, 5-148, 6-173, 7-184, 8-189, 9-192.
BOWLING: Donald 8-0-44-0; de Villiers 10-1-19-3, Snell 8-0-39-3; McMillan, 9-0-41-0; Cronje 9-0-25-0, Symcox 6-0-26-0.

SOUTH AFRICA
*†K C Wessels lbw b Srinath ... 5
A C Hudson b Kumble ... 62
W J Cronje run out ... 13
D J Cullinan lbw b Kapil ... 10
J N Rhodes c Azharuddin b Jadeja ... 16
B M McMillan not out ... 48
P L Symcox c Amre b Jadeja ... 6
R P Snell st Yadav b Kumble ... 1
†D J Richardson run out ... 15
P S de Villiers run out ... 0
A A Donald not out ... 1
Extras (lb 9, w 4, nb 3) ... 16
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) ... 193
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-45, 3-65, 4-106, 5-130, 6-141, 7-145, 8-189, 9-191.
BOWLING: Prabhakar 8-1-30-0, Srinath 8-0-39-1; Kapil Dev 8-0-31-1, Ankola 6-0-21-0, Kumble 10-0-29-2, Jadeja 9-0-31-2, Tendulkar 1-0-3-0
Man of the match: M Azharuddin.
Umpires: S Buckner and I Robinson.

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: First round replays: Postponed: Doncaster v Shrewsbury; York City v Burnley
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Postponed: First division: Sunderland v Everton. Second division: Hull v Blackpool; Port Vale v Grimsby
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 0 Swindon 1. Second division: Cardiff v Torquay. League Cup: Bournemouth v Plymouth.
FA VASE: Second round replay: Postponed: Alvechurch v Paisall Villa.

Late results on Tuesday
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn 2, Coventry 1, Everton 1, Leeds 1
FA CUP: First round: Runcorn 0, Hull 2 (Hull away to Bradford or Chester). First round replays: Huddersfield 1, Telford 0 (Huddersfield away to Port Vale); Nuneaton 2, Swansea 1 (aet, score at 90min 1-1: Nuneaton away to Bournemouth); Walsall 2, Wrexham 0 (Walsall home to Scunthorpe), Weston-super-Mare 0, Woking 1 (Woking away to Kidderminster)
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Clyde 0, Falkirk 2.
UEFA CUP: Third round, first leg: Bordeaux 1, Karlsruhe (Ger) 0; Eintracht 1, Deportivo La Coruña (Sp) 0; OFI Crete 1, Boavista (Por) 4.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Altrincn 2, Harrogate 2.
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Felixstowe 2, Gorleston 1; March 0, Newmarket 0.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division. Derby 1, Aston Villa 1; Notts County 3, Newcastle 1. Second division: Manchester City 0, Mansfield 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Fisher 93 1, Dunstable 3. Dr Martens Cup: Second round: Bilston 1, Corby 3.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon 0, Harrow 2. League Cup: Second round: Saffron Walden 2, Windsor and Eton 1. Carlsberg Cup: First round: Barking 1, Leyton 0 (abandoned): Bishop's Stortford 1, Hayes 0 (abandoned), Boreham Wood 1, Hitchin 3, Marlow 3, Ruislip Manor 1
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Hucknall 4, Maltby MW 1.
☐ Other matches postponed.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Houston 100 Chicago 93, Washington 118 Charlotte 98, Atlanta 103 Los Angeles Lakers 94, Orlando 120 Golden State 107, Los Angeles Clippers 105 Dallas 98, Portland 109 Denver 94

HOCKEY

CLUB MATCHES: Cancelled: Cambridge University v London University; Oxford University v Ladykillers.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New York Rangers 5 Montreal 4; New Jersey 1 Quebec 1 (OT), Hartford 2 Florida 1 (OT); San Jose 6 Detroit 4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Widnes v Leeds. Second division: Bramley v London Crusaders.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: England Emerging Players 19, New Zealand 30 (at Gloucester)
CLUB MATCHES: Exeter 16, Exeter University 10. Cambridge University 31, M R Steele-Bodger's XV 43

TENNIS

JOHANNESBURG: ATP world doubles championship: Forbes-Segal group: J Eltingh and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt S Cassi and E Sanchez (Sp), 6-2, 6-4

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Bolton v Manchester United (7.0)
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham v Bristol City (2.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Derby v Sunderland (8.0).
SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (at Preston)
TENNIS: European women's team championships (at Sheffield).

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FA offers little attraction for anyone who might manage England

Caretaker required at Lancaster Gate

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

WHO will pick up the poisoned chalice now? The stampede or — given the geriatric nature of the Football Association committee — shuffle for the successor to Graham Taylor as England manager is on.

Taken at their word, the FA hierarchy has released Taylor without having a successor, or more important a structure of succession, in mind. The headless chickens are loose in Lancaster Gate and loose tongues suggest a litany of names, some of whom, for example Terry Venables, will not pass the stage of consideration.

First, the FA suggests, there will be the standby, the "caretaker". Don Howe has rejected that without being asked, though he would be amenable to lend his considerable international knowledge, foolishly spurned by Taylor, in the event that a young manager eventually takes over. The names game is premature and tedious. Any manager worth his spurs is going to try to insist that the job is workable in the first place and that, under Peter Swales as chairman of the international committee and with the doctrine of Charles Hughes in the coaching department, is not the case at this moment.

Small wonder that Sir Bert Millichip, the 79-year-old chairman of the FA, resembles with every word the ancient mariner, a leader adrift on a sea of ideas washing in from too many quarters. Howe yesterday contributed one of the dottier schemes when he suggested the FA choose two different men for the friendly internationals against Denmark at Wembley in March and against Germany in Hamburg in April.

Howe may not be persuadable himself, given that his period assisting Bobby Robson led to heart bypass surgery, but surely he cannot dislike potential successors so much? The matches in the spring are not even against like opposition: Denmark are, like England, failed World Cup contenders, Germany are world champions.

The matches come at the height of the English season and, without the compulsion that Fifa, the game's international governing body, gives over players selected for competitive matches, who knows what second or third-choice teams the caretaker manager or managers will be afforded?

Take Howe's suggestion further. Suppose the trialists are Howard Wilkinson, a man of FA staff coaching calibre, and either Hoddle, Keegan, or a Francis. Who would judge them on one match and by what criteria? One has a mischevious vision of Bisham Abbey playing fields in a March squall and the old men of the international committee standing in the downpour, nodding approval at the enthusiasm Keegan, for example, seems able to instill instantly into his players.

This, of course, is of no help to supposedly serious selection process, but until — unless — the FA puts its house in order, until someone decides what job it is they are looking for from a national saviour, the mirth is deserved.

It could, as Jack Charlton had feared, turn out to be who is flavour of the month when the aged gentlemen cast their votes. Last weekend, Keegan, the inspirator of Newcastle United's stunning victory over Liverpool on Sunday, would get the nod, but Keegan's game is dealt on simplicity, on push and move, on 11 players supporting one another and chasing back like dervishes when the ball is lost. Hoddle, whose vision is one of beauty we would all love to embrace, is having trouble moulding a Chelsea side, let alone an England one and his game requires months and months of work, afternoons as well as mornings, to groom.

With wisdom and nerve, the FA will muddle through until the World Cup finals. After that, Charlton, who was spurned without a decency of a reply to his application in the past, might have done his thing with Ireland and be ready to stop persuading Englishmen that they have Irish grannies. If they were truly adventurous, the FA would now be ascertaining whether Osvaldo Ardiles really is prepared to work under an English manager teaching English players the passing arts.

There is another Englishman who will be going to the World Cup finals. Alas, Roy Hodgson, enjoying the relative tranquility of managing Switzerland, has pre-empted any approach with the words: "You have got to be joking. Even the Pope would have second thoughts about taking the England job."

Magicians who left their mark on history



David Miller looks back at the brilliant Hungarians who astonished England in 1953

It was one of those dank, not-quite-foggy November afternoons in still coal-fired, sooty London, when nightfall began not long after lunch. Yet, 40 years ago today, Wembley was uniquely illuminated by the truly magical Hungarians, in their plum red shirts, more brilliantly than by any floodlights or footballers of the future.

It was a watershed in the game, seismic, and to say so is not retrospective, defensive English vanity. It is merely acknowledging the moment of authentication of one of the four finest national teams ever seen: the revolutionary Magyars, the two Brazilian teams of 1958 and 1970 and the Dutch of 1974. Some of us who witnessed all four are tempted to say, intoxicated by the memory, that the greatest were Hungary.

Ferenc Puskas, the devastation of whose footwork and shooting left England's team and a 100,000 crowd reeling in respective chaos and disbelief, considers that Hungary's 6-3 victory, inflicting England's first home defeat by a team from outside the British Isles in 90 years, represented the summit of his side's period of bewitching entertainment over four years.

It has been hitherto unrevealed in England, but Puskas has disclosed that a central strategy in Hungary's tactics was only evolved by Gustav Sebes, the manager, in the days immediately preceding the match: an adjustment of the flexible 4-4-2 formation, in which Puskas and Hidegkuti usually interchanged in a midfield role with Bozsik — "the best passer you ever saw" Puskas recalls.

Now a portly 67, Puskas sits reflecting in one of Budapest's bustling modern hotels, so different from the era of post-war communist austerity from which he and his contemporaries sprang: "That was the first time that Hidegkuti had stayed back, with me remaining mostly in attack," he says. "We were at our best in London, more than when we won 7-1 at home the following year — a peak at Wembley and when we beat Italy 3-0 in Rome before the World Cup."

There were legendary players, of course, on the losing side in London. "Afterwards, in the dressing room, we were speechless, silent, no discussion," Sir Stanley Matthews recalls. "It was a bombshell. They'd had good results, but beforehand we felt we'd win. At home, we were confident whoever we played." In Budapest today, Sir Stanley — Stan to four decades of admirers — will join the ten living survivors of that remarkable afternoon, five from each team, at a gala reunion dinner.

Everyone at Wembley, and not just England's hapless defenders, was mesmerised: not just from the moment when Hidegkuti lashed the first goal within 60 seconds, nor more so when he and then Puskas, with two goals, sent Hungary surging into a 4-1 lead within seven minutes before the half-hour, but for days and months afterwards.

What is difficult to comprehend, for those now under 50, is the then-supposed invulnerability of England in an era of Matthews, Finney (unfit on that day), Mortensen, Johnston, Ramsey and Dickinson; an invulnerability that was only temporarily dented by the United States defeat in the 1950 World Cup. Even a lucky 4-4 draw with a glittering but scratch Rest of the World XI a short while before Hungary's arrival had failed to implant the same doubts long expressed by Stanley Rous, the Football Association secretary, and by Geoffrey Green in *The Times*.

Hungary were party to the beliefs that England would win. Although they were Olympic champions the previous year and unbeaten in 29 matches over four seasons, every nation still feared the founders and alleged masters of the game.

"I was nervous beforehand," Puskas recalls. "We'd been held 2-2 at home by Sweden a fortnight before, when I missed a penalty at 2-1 and Hamrin [a thrilling winger in the 1958 World Cup final] equalised in the last minute. We hadn't thought so much about beating England as about our own game, giving a good performance. We wanted to play *well*. The first goal broke their morale — we were much quicker, especially near goal."

Quicker, and cleverer all over the field, with instant control and a mixture of short and long pass: the same fluidity that Arthur Rowe had imported from Hungary at Tottenham, but without the exceptional individualism that now devoured an ageing England. The mystery, however, was why Walter Winterbottom, the manager, who had been to study the Sweden match, made no tactical provision to counter Hidegkuti: neither beforehand, nor at half-time with England trailing 2-4.

"There were no particular instructions," Sir Stanley recalls. "Coming off at half-time, Harry (Johnston) said to me 'What should I do? Go with him (Hidegkuti), or stay back?' I said 'Walter will tell you', but I don't think he did and Harry stayed back, marking empty space while Hidegkuti controlled the game, conducting his colleagues. Yet even if we had put someone on him, I doubt if we'd have won. They were the best team I ever played against. In my opinion only the Italians of 1948, before the Superga aircrash, were near their equal." Overrun in the first 20 minutes, England, at their peak five years earlier, had beaten those Italians 4-0.

The key to Hungary's brilliance, in Matthews' estimation was as much the performance of the wingers, Budai and Czibor, as of the more celebrated Puskas, Hidegkuti, Bozsik and Kocsis: "The wingers were fantastic." Sir Stanley reflects, "*and* they had Puskas and Kocsis to finish it off!" He remembers little of his own occasional domination of Lantos, the left back, who rated Matthews the cleverest winger he ever faced, other than Garrincha.

Puskas recalls how, in Paris en route by train, they had beaten a factory team by 15 or 16 goals. "It was a regular exercise, against tiny provincial teams at home twice a month, which was income for them and good practice for us. We talked about tactics with Sebes all the time."

For Puskas, the former galloping major, as he was known for his peculiar short stride, the memories flood back, not excluding the pain of the 1954 World Cup, in which Hungary scored 17 goals in their first two matches against Korea and West Germany, only to lose the final to the Germans with Puskas playing with an injury and Griffiths, a Welsh linesman, denying Puskas a 3-3 equalising goal for offside. And he smiles. "They were good friends in that team, good times. *That* was a life."



Leading their teams into history, Puskas, left, and Wright take the field before their meeting at Wembley

HOW HUNGARY'S ATTACKING TACTICS IN 1953 BEAT ENGLAND



Kim looks to score political goal in finals

David Miller in Seoul explores South Korea's ambitious bid to stage the World Cup finals in nine years' time

Ho Kim is one of millions of Koreans whose childhood was scarred by the peninsula's 38th Parallel war of 1950-3. Next summer, he can become a significant figure within the political chess of South Korea's bid to host the World Cup finals of 2002.

Sport, in common with global economic forces, is progressively moving towards a 21st-century stage built around the Pacific rim, as power shifts from Europe and the Atlantic. Staging the Olympic Games in Seoul was only the beginning: Asia may not rule the world, but increasingly it will be calling the tune.

South Korea is about to launch a counter-offensive campaign in an attempt to entice Fifa away from Japan, the perceived favourite to host the 2002 finals. A spectacular impact by Kim's team in the United States would put South Korea one goal ahead within the corridors of power in a game where the vote will be taken by Fifa's executive committee in 1996.

Although South Korea recently qualified for the third successive time, while Japan have never done so, the odds for the moment remain in Japan's favour. This is a prize in which South Korea are competing with their rival's commercial power rather than on the field. Yet a few shots across Fifa's bows from Kim's team in 1994 would give cause for thought.

Kim, 50 next year, was born in Chong Moo City, near the southern Nakdong river, which formed the front line until the United Nations counter-attack drove the North Korean-Chinese army back north of the Imjin. Football, when the Panmunjom armistice was signed and Kim was nine, lay in ruins, like most of the country. Many of his school colleagues lived hand-to-mouth.

With a father who was a domestic cotton trader, Kim survived better than some, and his elementary school headmaster, Ahn Jong Soo, who had played at the Olympic Games in London, inspired him to keep playing, in makeshift conditions. Switching from left wing to centre half at high school, Kim played regularly in inter-province matches, and won his first of 50 caps, at 20, in the Asia Cup.

From 1968 to 1976, he played in five consecutive qualifying competitions for the Olympics or World Cup, "usually knocked out by Australia in the play-offs," he recalls.

Following a domestic professional career with two first division clubs, he retired at 34 to coach at his old school. He became chief coach for the semi-professional Han-Il Bank league side, winning several championships, then moved to the powerful Hyundai club, who were league runners-up in 1990.

Appointed to run the national team following the World Cup in Italy, he has brought an essential understanding of the four components that achieve success at international level, where technical training is almost irrelevant — a point seemingly lost on Graham Taylor. Much of Kim's grasp of the modern game, tactically, was acquired at Germany's school for coaches at Hanover, which he attended three times.

"Many leaders [team managers] try to focus on technique," Kim says, "but that is something gained in childhood. It is necessary that technique is combined with the other three personal factors, equally important: strategy, physical fitness, and mental strength.

"What you produce on the field is an an amalgamation of all four. We in Korea know we lack the highest technique and creativity, and must compensate for this."

So too, he might have added, must England. The national manager has no chance, he concedes, to alter in the short term the raw material arriving at his door.

South Korea has yet to win a match in the finals but Kim's policy, with a 1-2-5-2 formation, is based on two principles: pressing, the Dutch-German tactic of regaining possession in the opponents' half of the field, and physical-mental techniques studied at the Korea Sports Science Institute. His teams concentrate on the high-pressure consistency of teamwork which has also been the making of the Republic of Ireland, and England's failing.

What is needed to impress Fifa off the field is a diplomatically effective bid committee and government financial backing, as in the bid for the 1988 Olympics. So far, the Korean Football Association has wavered over appointing a bid chairman, with some talk of the prime minister, In-sung Hwang.

It is government money, for renewing stadiums, more than high-ranking personnel that will count with the 21-member executive committee, which is dominated by the influence of João Havelange.

While South Korea's *per capita* income — with cost-of-living adjustment — is little short of Japan's, and their commercial strength rises steadily, the political ace that might trump Japan would be a joint hosting with North Korea. For the present, with tension over non-nuclear agreement running high, that possibility seems far off.

Shearer will-power earns plaudits

By Keith Pike

ALAN Shearer, who but for injury might have scored the goals to prevent England's World Cup elimination and preserve Graham Taylor's job, demonstrated again on Tuesday why he is regarded as the best striker in the country.

Shearer, who played in only three of England's ten qualifying matches, scored both goals as Blackburn Rovers beat Coventry City 2-1 at Ewood Park to move into second place in the FA Carling Premiership, and earned a warm tribute from Kenny Dalglish, his manager. "Alan had a very serious injury to his knee and has shown tremendous willpower and determination to make his way back and play like he is doing at the moment," Dalglish said.

Shearer has scored 13 goals for Rovers since returning from an eight-month absence, and four in two games after a back strain prevented him from playing for England against San Marino. Rovers have lost only one of their last eight Premiership matches.

His goals on Tuesday were superbly taken, but had Peter Ndlovu, who in between had levelled the score, not hit the crossbar from close range five minutes from time, Coventry would have celebrated Phil Neal's appointment as manager on a full-time basis with a deserved point.

Everton were heading for their fourth successive home league defeat when Tony Cottee's first goal for eight matches earned them a point from a 1-1 draw against Leeds United. Rod Wallace had scored earlier to help Leeds extend their unbeaten league sequence to 11 matches.

A postman and a PE student helped give Nuneaton Borough, the Beazer Homes League side, an FA Cup first-round replay win over Swansea City, of the second division. Steve Torpey put them ahead at Manor Park, but Tony Simpson's goal forced extra time, and Simpson, a student at Trent University in Nottingham, struck again. Victory was secured when Richard Attwood, a postman and the Nuneaton goalkeeper, saved a penalty from Cornforth.

Nuneaton are away to Bournemouth in the second round. Simpson has now scored five of his seven goals this season in the FA Cup, but Peter Jackson's first of the season was enough to deny Telford United their chance of an upset. Jackson, the Huddersfield Town captain, headed in Rowe's 50th-minute cross for the winner, but they were lucky to survive and will have to improve if they are to extend Port Vale in the second round.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained for England



Winterbottom: critical

By John Goodbody

BRITISH football is in the throes of self doubt and self examination with all the home countries failing to qualify for the World Cup finals for the first time and the managers of England and Scotland having resigned.

Yet, 40 years ago today, England suffered a more profound trauma when they lost 6-3 at home to Hungary — and with it their unbeaten home record against countries from outside the British Isles.

The match is considered a milestone in football, one which transformed England's attitude to the game. However, Sir Walter Winterbottom, the manager of England in 1953, believes many of the problems that led to defeat that day are still with us.

Sir Walter highlights three key areas of weakness — the training of youngsters; the structure of league football; and the practice time allotted to the national squad.

"First, we do not spend enough time in giving our youngsters the necessary ball skills," he said. "Youngsters should be the bedrock of our game." Instead, there is an excessive number of competitive matches, even as early as the age of nine.

"Second, the structure of league football militates against having great national sides. The leagues in England produce most of the players for the five national sides. The talent is also spread across so many clubs.

"One of the reasons the Hungarians were so good was that their team was made up of players from two clubs — Honved and Red Banner — so they were used to playing together." It is a trend that has continued down the years — the West Germans, who won the 1974 World Cup, had a core of Bayern Munich members, and the successful Dutch team of the 1970s often had up to six people from Ajax.

Third, Sir Walter said, the national team needs time for practice. The 1953 Hungarians postponed league fixtures on the previous two Saturdays in order to concentrate on the Wembley game. Only recently have English league fixtures on the weekend before internationals been rescheduled.

"You must have time to practise and play together as a national team," Sir Walter said. "Of course, you're going to have one or two failures, but the team will gain in confidence from playing together. We do not have the concentration on the national team that other countries possess."

However, Sir Walter, team manager and the Football Association's chief coach from 1946 to 1963, believes domestic football has improved over the years. "You cannot compare the game over the years. Individuals would have been great in any era. However, it is a much faster game nowadays. Training is much more thorough, and strategy and tactics have developed so much."

Sir Walter is relieved that he was not subjected to the intense vilification after the Hungarian defeat that Graham Taylor has undergone. "The modern manager is under far greater pressure," he said. "Of course, there were awkward questions in 1953, but the Hungarians were a great team."

The subsequent defeat shocked the public, which has become more used to disappointment down the years, ending last week with England's elimination from next year's World Cup finals in the United States.

Geoffrey Green, the football correspondent of *The Times*, ended his match report of the England-Hungary game with words that are still appropriate today: "English football can be proud of its past. But it must awake to a new future."

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JULIAN HERBERT

Nefarious takes the last flight in his stride to record a winning debut over hurdles at Windsor

Smith Eccles reunited with Tompkins for Halkopous

BY ALAN LEE

THE public rift between Mark Tompkins and Steve Smith Eccles has already been healed in private but on Saturday, at Newcastle, the pair look set to be reunited on a racecourse when Smith Eccles rides Champion Hurdle contender, Halkopous, in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle.

Tompkins, now a classic-winning trainer on the Flat but with an enviable string of hurdlers for winter duty, revealed at Windsor yesterday that the olive branch has been extended to jump racing's senior jockey following their acrimonious split in February.

"We only had a little fall-out," said Tompkins. "Too much was made of it. We are still good friends and, the way things are looking, we may well see the re-emergence of "the Ecc" on Halkopous this coming Saturday."

Since dismissing Smith Eccles as his regular jockey, following a disagreement over riding plans, Tompkins has been using Adrian Maguire and Declan Murphy, but both are committed to southern meetings for their retaining stables. "I haven't finalised matters with Halkopous's owner yet, but Steve won the Fighting Fifth Hurdle on the horse last year and we all know he can still ride."

Smith Eccles said: "I have spoken to Mark twice since Sunday but I have heard nothing definite yet. It was a silly misunderstanding when we fell out and I don't think either of us have gained anything from it. I went to Mark's wedding last month and I have also ridden out for him. We still get on well but we're both blunt speakers.

"As for Saturday, I'll be delighted if it happens. Halkopous is a high-class horse and I would love to win that race on him again."

Tompkins considers that victory can almost be taken as read, especially with the improving Mary Reveley-trained Batabanoo likely to be diverted to Newbury in search of faster ground. "Halkopous is much fresher than last season and he is very well," said Tompkins, adding that his other Champion Hurdle hope, Staunch Friend, will go for Cheltenham's Bula Hurdle on December 11.

"I have no doubt they are the two best hurdlers in the country. I never work them together at home and the plan is that they will not meet until Cheltenham, when I won't mind which of them wins."

With the Reveley stable marking time due to the abandonment of two more northern meetings, Kim Bailey is making up ground in the trainers' championship and his 35th winner of the term came yesterday through Crooked Counsel. It was a decent training feat as the gelding, well-named by his barrister owners, had not run for 18 months, but he was helped by three non-runners, which left only four in the Russell Handicap Chase.

Bailey confirmed that his stable star, Kings Fountain, will run at Newbury tomorrow. "I saw no point in taking on Travado and Deep Sensation at Huntingdon and the track at Newbury will suit him better." With Norman Williamson suspended, Jamie Osborne will take the ride.

Deep Sensation's trainer, Josh Gifford, reflecting on Tuesday's Huntingdon feature, rejected any disappointment over another comprehensive defeat for his champion two-mile chaser. "I was pleased with him because he blew up," said Gifford. "We have been held up by the weather and he is a stuffy horse who needs a lot of work."

Gifford remains inclined to take on Travado again in the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown on Saturday week.

National to receive prize-money boost

MARTELL, sponsors of the Grand National, yesterday underlined their commitment to the world's most famous steeplechase by increasing the prize-money for next year's race (Richard Evans writes).

Despite the embarrassment caused by the void-race fiasco last April, win prize-money for this season's Aintree spectacular should top £200,000 for the first time, with record added prize-money of £610,000. Martell will contribute £450,000 towards prize-money for races during the three-day meeting — an increase of £100,000.

The French-based company also intends to sponsor evening racing at Hong Kong's Happy Valley racetrack on National day in 1994, with two races from the course forming part of a reciprocal simulcast transmission between Aintree and Hong Kong.

Spectators at Happy Valley and Sha Tin will watch the Grand National on large screens, while Aintree racegoers will be able to see two races from Happy Valley.

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FORM FOCUS

AL FORUM 12½l 3rd of 12 to My Ballyboy in a selling hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft). MUSICAL PHONE's best recent effort came when about 15l 3rd of 10 to My Sister Lucy in a novice hurdle over course and distance (good), with OUR NIKKI (same terms) 32l 5th.
VENTURE PRINTS 18½l 4th of 6 to The Executor in a novice hurdle at Newton Abbot on penultimate start (2m 1f, good to firm). IS SHE QUICK 8½l 3rd of 7 to Conway in a novice claiming hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to firm), with MUSICAL PHONE (2lb worse off) 11l 4th. LA POSADA 13l 3rd of 11 to Kalko in a selling hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft).
SYLVAN STARLIGHT 7¼l 10th of 22 to Bavon in a handicap at Leicester on penultimate start (6f, good to soft).
ESTHAL 19l 9th of 11 to Champagne Grandy in selling stakes at Leicester (5f 218yd, good).
Selection: AL FORUM

1.30 WESTERN PROVIDENT NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,377: 3m) (12 runners)

1 P62P4-1 MR TITTLE TATTLE 105 (B,F) (Mrs J Newton) K Bailey 7-11-10 N Williamson 91
2 032F FROZEN DROP 22 (Leslie Garrett Racing) G Balding 6-11-8 J Railton 97
3 122513 ISLAND FOREST 16 (BF,F) (Commander P Longhurst) P Nicholls 7-11-5 M A Fitzgerald 95
4 344F2/3 LUCKY LANE 29 (B,D,F) (R Hamilton) P Hobbs 9-11-0 C Maude 91
5 FP024-2 HAND OUT 30 (Melplash Racing) R Buckler 3-10-13 B Powell 94
6 00-2P52 BARLEY MOW 14 (F,G) (E Dawes) Mrs B Waring 7-10-10 N Mann 97
7 1P-6P5U LAVALIGHT 14 (C,F) (L Phillips) R Hodges 6-10-8 R Dunwoody 91
8 2U2563 BUMPTIOUS BOY 14 (V,F) (T Pilkington) A J Wilson 9-10-7 D Bridgwater [88]
9 F2F4/ TUJUCA 1795 (S) (W Reed) W Reed 14-10-0 Mr N Moore (7) –
10 63/0-PU0 DEVIOSITY 14 (Mrs S Hooper) N Ayliffe 8-10-0 W McFarland –
11 B5PU0-6 JUDYS LINE 30 (S) (Miss S Waterman) Miss S Waterman 9-10-0 D Salter (5) –
12 40/506 LUCAYAN GOLD 8 (Mrs E Ellis) K Bishop 9-10-0 L Harvey –

Long handicap: Tujuca 9-11, Deviosity 9-11, Judys Line 9-11, Lucayan Gold 9-11

BETTING: 7-2 Island Forest, 4-1 Lucky Lane, Mr Tittle Tattle, 6-1 Barley Mow, Frozen Drop, 9-1 Bumptious Boy, Hand Out, 10-1 Lavalight, 12-1 others.

1992: COOL AND EASY 6-10-11 D Murphy (8-11 fav) J Gifford 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MR TITTLE TATTLE beat Skipping Tim 4l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 110yd, good to firm).
FROZEN DROP short-head 2nd of 10 to Old Brig in a novice chase at Stratford on penultimate start (3m, good), with BARLEY MOW (12lb better off) tailed off 5th.
ISLAND FOREST beat Castle Blue 1½l in an 8-runner novice chase at Fontwell on penultimate start (3m 2f 110yd, good to firm), with LUCKY LANE (1lb worse off) 1¼l 3rd. HAND OUT 2l 2nd of 9 to Alegbye in a novice chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, good).
BARLEY MOW 6l 2nd of 10 to Old Brig in a novice chase at Towcester (3m 1f, good).
BUMPTIOUS BOY 12¼l 3rd of 12 to Golden Fare in a novice handicap chase here (2m 3f, good to firm), with DEVIOSITY (2lb better off) 50l 7th and LAVALIGHT (3lb worse off) unseated rider. JUDYS LINE 34¼l 6th to Croft Mill in a 9-runner novice chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, good).
Selection: ISLAND FOREST

2.00 WPA BIBA MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,550: 2m 3f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 118121/ WELSH SIREN 694 (CD,F,G) (Quicksilver Racing) K Bailey 7-11-10 N Williamson –
2 1UR-111 MISS MARIGOLD 22 (B,F,G) (Mrs A Fayers) R Hodges 4-11-0 R Dunwoody 92
3 42606/1- MILLY BLACK 273F (S) (L Snook) L Snook 5-10-7 L Harvey 80
4 32/5523 WOLVER GOLD 7 (C,F) (A Roberts) B Palling 6-10-6 C Maude 94
5 5/530-05 REVE EN ROSE 26 (C,D,F,G) (M McMillan) M McMillan 7-10-4 M A Fitzgerald [88]
6 40-2U43 DESERT PALM 14 (C,F,G) (C Wells) R Hodges 8-10-0 M Hourigan 93
7 0/02-3F5 CRACKLING ANGELS 28 (P Jones) R Buckler 6-10-0 B Powell 83
8 P5-1304 KALAMOSS 24 (CD,F) (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 4-10-0 Miss S Mitchell (7) 92
9 1/P0P- STRAIGHT GOLD 188 (F,S) (N Coulson-Stevens) T Hallett 8-10-0 W McFarland –

Long handicap: Desert Palm 9-13, Crackling Angels 9-8, Kalamoss 9-6, Straight Gold 9-3

BETTING: 2-1 Miss Marigold, 4-1 Milly Black, Wolver Gold, 6-1 Desert Palm, 8-1 Kalamoss, Reve En Rose, 10-1 Crackling Angels, 16-1 others.

1992: BELLEZZA 5-10-2 G Moore (8-1) A Moore 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

WELSH SIREN beat Suran ¾l in a 12-runner handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m 6f, good). MISS MARIGOLD beat Srivijaya 8l in an 18-runner claiming hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good).
MILLY BLACK beat Tudor De Samba a neck in a 12-runner selling hurdle at Devon last season (2m, soft), with MISS MARIGOLD (19lb worse off) 12l 3rd.
WOLVER GOLD 4¼l 3rd of 6 to Sand-Dollar in a handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to firm). REVE EN ROSE 7l 5th of 11 to Smith Too in a handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). DESERT PALM 11½l 3rd of 12 to Calcius in a handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to firm).
KALAMOSS 7¼l last of 4 to Cavo Greco in a handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: WOLVER GOLD

2.30 WPA NOVICES CHASE (£4,084: 2m 3f) (7 runners)

1 1P4 CHARLIE JOHNSON 29 (F) (C Hams) J White 9-11-5 M A Fitzgerald 88
2 0/4434-1 TUDOR FABLE 6 (G) (J Collins) N Henderson 6-11-4 R Dunwoody 93
3 P-536SP CAIRNEYMOUNT 20 (M Lee) C Popham 7-11-1 S McNeill 72
4 0/R-0PP4 STORM FLIGHT 12 (H Hardy) R Buckler 7-11-1 B Powell 75
5 UP0 JHAL FREZI 34 (Mrs R Healey) A Barrow 5-11-0 A Thornton –
6 13-F322 SAN LORENZO 12 (B,BF,F,G,S) (J Greig) K Bailey 5-11-0 N Williamson [88]
7 04-0000 MAGGOTS GREEN 8 (E Hayward) J Bradley 6-10-10 R Farrant –

BETTING: 4-5 Tudor Fable, 3-1 San Lorenzo, 6-1 Storm Flight, 8-1 Cairneymount, Charlie Johnson, 14-1 others.

1992: PEACE OFFICER 6-11-1 M Richards (7-2) P Hedger 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHARLIE JOHNSON's best effort came when beating Island Forest 4l in a 5-runner novice chase at Plumpton (2m 5f, good to firm), with CAIRNEYMOUNT 30l 3rd. TUDOR FABLE beat James The First 10l in a 10-runner novice chase at Hereford (2m, good). JHAL FREZI 44l 8th of 11 to In The Navy in a novice chase at Devon (2m 3f 110yd, good to firm), with STORM FLIGHT pulled up. SAN LORENZO 10l 2nd of 14 to Easy Buck in a novice chase at Windsor (2m, good), with STORM FLIGHT (1lb worse off) 23l 4th.
Selection: TUDOR FABLE (nap)

3.00 WPA BLACKBROOK NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,810: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1 22/12-4 AAL EL AAL 22 (G) (Mrs C Hake) P Hobbs 6-10-12 M Hourigan 83
2 MAI PEN RAI 22F (R Sercombe) R Hodges 5-10-12 R Dunwoody –
3 020- MERLIN ROCKET 217 (R Callow) R Callow 5-10-12 C Maude –
4 3 NOBLELY 14 (D Cowgill) N Walker 6-10-12 N Williamson 78
5 0 PRINCE RUBEN 26 (Col R Shewright) T Forster 6-10-12 M A Fitzgerald –
6 00U050/ QUINTA ROYALE 168F (L Snook) L Snook 6-10-12 L Harvey –
7 PP-0P FORTUNE STAR 30 (J Bridger) J Bridger 4-10-11 D O'Sullivan –
8 6203-43 HIGH MIND 26 (J Wilson) Miss L Siddall 4-10-11 A Thornton (3) 96
9 22 TOUR LEADER 28 (P Jones) R Buckler 4-10-11 B Powell [88]
10 0460/ IT'S DELICIOUS 593 (Mrs T Pilkington) Mrs T Pilkington 7-10-7 D Bridgwater –
11 P0 MENDIP MIST 23 (Mrs B Davis) M Williams 5-10-7 W McFarland –
12 0- ALICE SPRINGS 287 (Mrs J Greed) S Knight 4-10-6 Mr T Greed –
13 MY OLD CHINA (Mrs E Grainey) T Hallett 4-10-6 D Morris –
14 ROXY RIVER 12F (Mrs M Rimell) J Spearing 4-10-6 Mr M Rimell (7) –

BETTING: 3-1 Tour Leader, 7-2 Aal El Aal, 4-1 High Mind, Noblely, 8-1 Mai Pen Rai, Roxy River, 12-1 Merlin Rocket, 16-1 others.

1992: FAIR BROTHER 6-10-12 J White (6-1) D Murray-Smith 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

AAL EL AAL 8¾l 4th of 15 to Time For A Flutter in a novice hurdle at Haydock (2m, good).
MERLIN ROCKET 4l 2nd of 6 to Call Home in a National Hunt flat race at Wincanton (2m, firm).
NOBLELY 10l 3rd of 13 to Mathal in a novice hurdle over course and distance (2m 1f, good to firm).
PRINCE RUBEN 14l 11th of 23 to Nirvana Prince in a National Hunt flat race at Warwick (2m, good to firm). HIGH MIND 22l 3rd of 15 to Texan Tycoon in a novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good). TOUR LEADER 12l 2nd of 9 to Julio Genius in a novice hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good to firm). MAI PEN RAI 2l 3rd of 20 to Tocco Jewel in a handicap at Leicester last month (1m, good to soft).
Selection: AAL EL AAL

3.30 PROVIDENTIAL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,550: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

1 5-15414 MUSTAHIL 12 (D,F) (Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd) R Hodges 4-12-0 R Dunwoody 98
2 U-F2201 MAMALAMA 16 (F) (J Bridger) J Bridger 5-10-13 D O'Sullivan 98
3 D0U/54- MANOR MAN 332 (Mrs A Baker) W G M Turner 6-10-12 R Darke (7) 80
4 00/0U35 THE GREYSMITH 22 (T Leadbeater) A J Wilson 6-10-5 B Clifford 97
5 4U3/02 NORTHERN CREST 14 (R Ayre) Mrs S Williams 7-10-5 S McNeill 95
6 04-1445 FRANKUS 28 (D,F) (H S Group) S Mellor 4-10-4 N Mann [88]
7 0U230/0- ALMOST A PRINCESS 187F (L Snook) L Snook 5-10-2 M A Fitzgerald –
8 0006- IN THE GAME 173 (S Ashley) Miss A Whitfield 4-10-0 R Farrant (5) 80
9 53-3105 COOCHIE 14 (B,CD,F) (S McCausland) R Baker 4-10-0 L Harvey 88
10 33-066P SANDMOOR PRINCE 19 (F,G) (Mrs T Pritchard) P Pritchard 10-10-0 Dr P Pritchard –
11 55PP-5P RUSTIC FLIGHT 12 (BF) (The Flight Connection) R Eckley 6-10-0 D Gallagher 85

Long handicap: In The Game 9-11, Coochie 9-11, Sandmoor Prince 9-5, Rustic Flight 9-3

BETTING: 3-1 Northern Crest, 4-1 Frankus, 5-1 Mustahil, 6-1 Mamalama, 8-1 Coochie, 10-1 others.

1992: JUST 6-10-4 P Scudamore (7-1) M Pipe 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUSTAHIL beat Dundee Prince 10l in novice hurdle at Devon on penultimate start (2m 2f, firm). MAMALAMA beat Jovial Man head in novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, firm). MANOR MAN 59l last of 4 finishers behind Lord Relic in 7-runner novice hurdle at Chepstow in December (2m 4f 110yd, soft). THE GREYSMITH 8l 3rd of 12 to Southolt in novice hurdle at Huntingdon on penultimate start (2m 110yd, good). NORTHERN CREST 10l 2nd of 13 to Mathal in a novice hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). FRANKUS 11¼l 5th of 14 to Super Coin in handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good to firm). COOCHIE's best recent effort came when beating Taunting 4l in selling hurdle over course and distance (firm).
Selection: NORTHERN CREST

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S Mellor	4	14	28.6	D Salter	4	19	21.1
P Hobbs	8	69	11.6	N Mann	8	40	20.0
Mrs S Williams	3	26	11.5	M Hourigan	3	17	17.6
P Nicholls	3	28	10.7	D Morris	4	24	16.7
R Hodges	18	174	10.3	Lorna Vincent	4	25	16.0
Only qualifiers				M A Fitzgerald	12	79	15.2

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

1.10 Treble Lass. 1.40 Sacrosanct. 2.10 Ned The Hall. 2.40 Ardcroney Chief. 3.10 Strephon. 3.40 **PERSIAN SWORD** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 **HOSTILE WITNESS**.

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES SIS
(7.15AM PRECAUTIONARY INSPECTION)

1.10 KEGWORTH SELLING HURDLE
(£2,041: 2m) (18 runners)

1 P40- BOOGIE BOPPER 176F (V,CD,S) M Pipe 4-12-0 J Lower [88]
2 -P0P POLK 14 (D,S) M Pipe 4-12-0 M Foster –
3 P-PP GOLDEN SICKLE 24 A Coogan 4-11-9 A Coogan –
4 54-5 KING'S GUEST 20 G Moore 4-11-9 J Callaghan 77
5 0 PREMIER ENVELOPE 57 Mrs P Barker 4-11-9 C Hawkins –
6 -42P ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 10 B McMahon 4-11-4 T Wall 78
7 6P-0 ICE WALK 21 M Wilkinson 4-11-4 P Ward (7) –
8 35 DUNBAR 12 C Thornton 3-10-7 D Wilkinson 72
9 3510 GROGFRYN 9 (G) C Popham 3-10-7 A Maguire 84
10 0 KUTAN 108 A Foster 3-10-7 E Byrne –
11 PP LARKSPUR LEGEND 10 J Mackie 3-10-7 T Eley (5) –
12 53P2 MARAT 7 (V) J Jenkins 3-10-7 G McCourt 83
13 2 MISSED THE BOAT 42 Miss S Wilton 3-10-7 H Davies 79
14 6 TAKE THE MICK 9 (B) S Mellor 3-10-7 C Llewellyn –
15 P0 WATER DIVINER 17F K Wingrove 3-10-7 J Ryan –
16 0 NIGHTMARE LADY 12 R Harris 3-10-2 J McLaughlin –
17 PORTWAY PRINCESS E Buckley 3-10-2 W Marston –
18 0 TREBLE LASS 12 B Meehan 3-10-2 J Leech –

3-1 Missed The Boat, 7-2 Marat, 5-1 Boogie Bopper, 7-1 Grogfryn, 10-1 King's Guest, Absolutley Foxed, 12-1 Dunbar, 16-1 Take The Mick, 20-1 others.

1.40 BINGHAM NOVICES CHASE
(£2,346: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 1465 BALLAD RULER 7 (G) P Pritchard 7-10-12 R Davis 96
2 212- DUHALLOW LODGE 210 (B,S) Mrs S Smith 6-10-12 Richard Guest –
3 10-0 FEARSOME 31 (S) K Burke 7-10-12 R Supple –
4 34F- LOBRIC 349 (F,G) J Jenkins 8-10-12 S Smith Eccles 84
5 /33- MUDAHIM 278 (F,G,S) C Broad 7-10-12 W Marston –
6 -365 PICKETSTONE 28 (B) J Webber 6-10-12 G McCourt 81
7 221- SACROSANCT 176 (F,S) K Bailey 9-10-12 J Osborne [88]
8 1665 OUTFIELD 22 (F) J Webber 7-10-7 R Bellamy –

5-2 Sacrosanct, 3-1 Mudahim, 11-2 Duhallow Lodge, 6-1 Picketstone, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 6 winners from 25 runners, 24.0%; M Pipe, 10 from 42, 23.8%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 9 from 44, 20.5%; R Woodhouse, 3 from 16, 18.8%; D Nicholson, 7 from 41, 17.1%; T Forster, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: Richard Guest, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; P Niven, 9 from 35, 25.7%; G Upton, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J Osborne, 10 from 44, 22.7%; G McCourt, 12 from 57, 21.1%; R Garritty, 4 from 19, 21.1%.

2.10 RAINWORTH NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,872: 2m 5f 110yd) (12)

1 1004 GRAND RAPIDS 8 (G) Miss S Wilton 6-11-5 H Davies 75
2 P4-6 ALIAS SILVER 8 J Allen 6-10-12 Mr N Bradley (7) 78
3 40-6 CARAGH BRIDGE 15 E Buckley 6-10-12 R Supple 90
4 00P/ COOL PARADE 199F J Norton 5-10-12 P Niven –
5 GOD SPEED YOU C Nash 4-10-12 W Marston –
6 0-02 IVY HOUSE 13 J J O'Neill 5-10-12 L Wyer 92
7 2- KENILWORTH 227 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-12 M Dwyer –
8 5- LIE DETECTOR 217 O Sherwood 5-10-12 J Osborne –
9 -040 MARINERS COVE 15 R Brazington 5-10-12 W Humphreys 82
10 MOYHILL J Mackie 4-10-12 R Garritty –
11 0-42 NED THE HALL 15 (BF) K Bailey 5-10-12 A Maguire [88]
12 00 PARSON'S WAY 19 A Jones 6-10-12 G Upton –

6-4 Ned The Hall, 7-2 Lie Detector, 5-1 Ivy House, 6-1 Kenilworth, 12-1 Caragh Bridge, 14-1 God Speed You, Alias Silver, 20-1 others.

2.40 WOLLATON HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,726: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

1 55-5 PLAT REAY 13 (B,G,S) T Forster 9-11-10 C Llewellyn 90
2 P2-1 ZAMIL 6 (D,G,S) K Burke 8-11-10 (7ex) R Supple 98
3 1343 ARDCRONEY CHIEF 21 (G) D Gandolfo 7-10-13 P Holley 98
4 2-22 DUO DROM 13 (BF,G) Mrs D Haine 8-10-10 D Murphy 94
5 6465 WIGTOWN BAY 16 (D,F,G,S) J Mackie 10-10-5 P Niven [88]
6 U3P- NICKNAVAR 247 (G) Mrs P Tetley 8-10-0 T Grantham 83

2-1 Zamil, 5-2 Duo Drom, 4-1 Ardcroney Chief, 6-1 Plat Reay, 7-1 others

3.10 MERIT THREE YEAR OLD HURDLE
(£2,532: 2m) (14)

1 311 REGAL AURA 22 (D,G) G Moore 11-5 J Callaghan 90
2 15 WORDSMITH 27 (BF,S) D Burchell 11-5 W Marston 85
3 0 BITRAN 38 K Morgan 10-12 A S Smith –
4 2 HOSTILE WITNESS 15 (V) P Hedger 10-12 M Richards [88]
5 IJAB 30F J Parkes 10-12 N Smith –
6 0 JASPER ONE 42 R Woodhouse 10-12 R Garritty –
7 541 MY BALLYBOY 10 (D,S) A Bailey 10-12 A Procter (5) 85
8 5FU SEASIDE DREAMER 12 A Hambly 10-12 Mr A Hambly 87
9 05 SHARED GOLD 12 J Bosley 10-12 M Bosley 89
10 2 STREPHON 9 J J O'Neill 10-12 M Dwyer 90
11 222 THE PREMIER EXPRES 16 (BF) W Bentley 10-12 N Bentley (3) 86
12 TIMOTHY CASEY 26F Mrs M McCourt 10-12 G McCourt –
13 8 TODDEN 16 J Hellens 10-12 A Larnach (3) –
14 233 LA VILLA ROSE 9 J Payne 10-7 A Maguire 98

5-2 Regal Aura, 3-1 Hostile Witness, 9-2 Strephon, 7-1 Wordsmith, 8-1 The Premier Expres, 10-1 La Villa Rosa, My Ballyboy, 14-1 others.

3.40 BULWELL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,678: 2m) (9)

1 -UU2 TERRIBLE GEL 15 (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-10 P Niven 85
2 4414 ISLAND JETSETTER 9 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-11-10 Richard Guest 90
3 -0PU ALAN BALL 7 (CD,F,G) Miss S Wilton 7-11-9 H Davies 88
4 -531 BARKISLAND 8 (D,G,S) P Beaumont 9-11-6 (7ex) J Callaghan 80
5 -144 CLARES OWN 13 (CD,F,G,S) J Wade 9-11-0 K Jones 92
6 3F-5 SILVER HAZE 6 (D,F,S) J Wade 9-10-13 D Murphy 85
7 43/P MAJOR EFFORT 15 (D,F,G) J Allen 8-10-11 Mr N Bradley (7) –
8 302F LUCKY AGAIN 7 (D,G) C Popham 6-10-10 P Holley 95
9 0-P1 PERSIAN SWORD 9 (D,S) D Nicholson 7-10-8 (7ex) A Maguire [88]

2-1 Persian Sword, 9-2 Barkisland, 11-2 Terrible Gel, 7-1 Island Jetsetter, 8-1 Clares Own, 10-1 Lucky Again, 16-1 Silver Haze, 20-1 Alan Ball, Major Effort.

WINDSOR RESULTS

Going: good

12.20 (2m hdle) 1, CHAPEL OF BARRAS (M Hourigan, 4-1); 2, Arley (S Smith Eccles, 10-1); 3, Shaarid (B Powell, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Milzig (4th), 10 Prince Rooney, 14 Johns Joy, 20 Road To Au Bon (6th), So Audacious, 25 Master Murphy (5th), 33 Tartar Tertius (pu), Woodlands Legend, Green's Trilogy, 50 Autumn Leaf, Dounhurst, Colonial Beauty. 15 ran. NR: Duckey Fuzz. 2½l, 3l, 10l, 20l, 5l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £6.00; £1.40, £3.60, £2.00. DF: £23.10. CSF: £44.08.

12.50 (2m ch) 1, CROOKED COUNSEL (N Williamson, 7-2); 2, Holtermann (M Richards, 11-8 fav); 3, Fred Splendid (R Dunwoody, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Briggs Builders (4th). 4 ran. NR: Belmoredean, Nathir, Mr Felix. 6l, 1l, 25l. K Bailey at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.40. DF: £3.70. CSF £8.32.

1.20 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, NEFARIOUS (M Richards, 12-1); 2, Forest Feather (A Maguire, 4-9 fav); 3, Dowry Square (E Murphy, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Rosen The Beau (4th), 11 Master Bavard, 16 Policemans Pride (6th), 20 Camglawn (5th), Treassowe Mariner. 8 ran. 8l, 10l, 6l, 20l, 2l. M Campion at Findon. Tote: £15.00; £2.10, £1.20, £2.90. DF: £7.80. CSF: £17.38.

1.50 (2m 5f ch) 1, THE GLOW (P Holley, 3-1); 2, Wanderweg (H Davies, 14-1); 3, Tareesh (N Williamson, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Hillwalk (ur), 100-30 Hurricane Blake, 14 Legal Beagle (4th), 20 Viaggio (5th), General Brandy (6th), 33 Flying Finish (pu), Power Happy (ur). 10 ran. 7l, 7l, 3l, 12l, 20l. D Elsworth. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £4.00, £2.30. DF: £18.20. CSF: £44.00.

2.20 (3m ch) 1, TOUCHING STAR (M Hourigan, 5-1); 2, Sandalg (N Williamson, 11-4 fav); 3, Shaston (P Holley, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Smartie Express (pu), 5 Under Offer (4th), 15-2 Obie's Train (6th), 9 Mr Jamboree (5th). 7 ran. NR: Sheepheaven. ¾l, ¾l, 25l, 15l, 15l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £6.60; £2.60, £2.40. DF: £6.90. CSF: £18.14. Tricast: £85.87.

2.50 (2m hdle) 1, MONDAY CLUB (D Meade, 7-2); 2, Spring To Glory (A Procter, 11-2); 3, Soleil Dancer (D Fort, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Arany, 11-2 Mad Casanova (pu), 12 Mister Oddy (6th), 14 Kaher, 16 Sandro (4th), 33 Derlebay (5th). 9 ran. 5l, 7l, 2½l, 10l, 6l. J Tuck at Oldmarton. Tote: £4.40; £2.10, £2.60, £2.20. DF: £19.40. CSF: £22.47. Tricast: £74.11.

3.20 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, NICK THE DREAMER (R Dunwoody, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Meditator (S Curran, 7-1); 3, Hugli (M Richards, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Wick Pound (5th), 5 Menebuck (4th), 8 Child Of The Mist (6th), 10 Storm Drum, 14 Duncan Idaho, 16 Happy Horse, 20 Gholar (pu), 66 Flutter Money. 11 ran. NR: Super Ritchan, Dark Honey, Beyond Our Reach. ¾l, 12l, sh hd, 3½l, 20l. W G M Turner at Sherborne. Tote: £4.40; £1.60, £2.90, £1.30. DF: £44.60. Trio: £57.10. CSF: £30.62. Tricast: £165.11. Placepot: £901.10.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: LIE DETECTOR
(2.10 Nottingham)

Next best: Welsh Siren
(2.00 Taunton)

Frost loosens its grip

THE frosty grip on racing began to relent yesterday as a rise in temperatures improved prospects for the remainder of the week.

Although today's meeting at Carlisle has been abandoned due to frost, the fixtures at Nottingham and Taunton are expected to go ahead. However, a precautionary inspection, scheduled for 7.15am, will take place at Nottingham.

Doubts remain about tomorrow's fixture at Bangor, where racing could not have taken place yesterday, but clerk of the course Bob Davies said: "If the forecast is correct, we should be all right."

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BHB forced to raise fees

THE British Horseracing Board (BHB) is raising fees by as much as ten per cent next year to help recover some of its set-up costs. Owners, racecourses, trainers and jockeys will pay the bulk of the increase, which has been introduced to cover a £380,000 deficit in 1993 and a £210,000 cut in expenditure. Tristram Ricketts, chief executive of the BHB, said: "The board much regrets having to raise fees by a sum considerably in excess of inflation, but the one-off costs relating to the formation of the governing authority for British racing have to be met."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Turmoil as Jahangir pulls out in protest

THE world team squash championship was in chaos in Karachi yesterday as Jahangir Khan, the one-time master of the game and beaten in the world open final on Tuesday, pulled out of the Pakistan team against Egypt after being promoted by the World Squash Federation from third to second string (Colin McQuillan writes).

After only half a dozen competition matches in the past year, he returned intending to retire in front of his home crowds. After just missing the individual target, he perhaps anticipated a string of popular wins at the bottom of the order while captaining the home team to victory this week.

Paul Wright, the England manager, spiked that ambition by entering a successful protest against his registration as a third string. The WSF panel then posted a new Pakistan playing order with Jahangir second.

After long debate, the Pakistanis were 50 minutes late for their match in pool A against Egypt, who at first claimed the match under timekeeping rules but agreed to play for the spectators after another 20 minutes of discussion.

Busby dismissed

FOOTBALL: Hartlepool, the second division club, yesterday dismissed their second manager in nine months. Viv Busby, who had been appointed in February to succeed Alan Murray, paid the price for a dismal sequence of results. Hartlepool have lost 11 of their last 15 matches, in which they have scored just six goals. Chris Morris, the Middlesbrough and Ireland full back, will not play again this season, and would appear to have no chance of appearing in the World Cup finals next summer. Morris, 29, damaged a cruciate ligament during the match against Bolton Wanderers on Sunday and will have to undergo surgery. A similar injury will rule Ian Olney, the Oldham Athletic striker, out of action for at least three months. Allan Gunn, the Sussex referee, is to retire at the end of the season. Gunn, 50, is two years over the Football League age limit but had been allowed to continue because of his performances.

Tendulkar saves India

CRICKET: In a match that remained wide open until the last ball, India defeated South Africa by two runs at Eden Gardens, Calcutta, yesterday to reach the final of the five nations' one-day tournament. India were limited to 195 in their 50 overs, Mohammad Azharuddin scoring 90 of the runs from 118 balls. After 62 from Andrew Hudson, South Africa needed only six runs from the final over, bowled by Sachin Tendulkar, with two wickets remaining and Brian McMillan well set. But they were restricted to three and lost the wicket of Fannie de Villiers, who was run out. McMillan finished unbeaten with 48. West Indies play Sri Lanka in the second semi-final today.

Three for Glasgow



ATHLETICS: Linford Christie, right, and Colin Jackson are planning to return from their winter training break in Australia to run for Great Britain against Russia in the Pearl Games at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on January 29. Sally Gunnell will join her fellow gold-medal winners in the team for the McDonald's International between Britain and the United States at the same venue on February 12.

Italian returns home

SKIING: The Olympic gold medal-winner, Deborah Compagnoni, of Italy, will enjoy the luxury of home advantage when the women's World Cup Alpine season gets into full swing with three races this weekend. The races — two giant slaloms plus a slalom, to be staged from tomorrow until Sunday — will be contested in Compagnoni's home village of Santa Caterina Valfurva in northern Italy. Compagnoni, 23, has yet to recapture peak form after a bitter-sweet 1992 Olympic Games when she won gold in the super-giant slalom only to suffer knee ligament damage 24 hours later.

English to cash in

CRICKET: English cricket intends to cash in on South Africa's first visit to this country for 29 years. Ticket prices for next season's three Test matches against New Zealand will be held at 1993 levels, but "modest increases" are planned for the three-match mini-series with South Africa during the second part of the summer. While Test attendances fall elsewhere in the world, more and more people want to watch five-day cricket in England: last season's figures for the Ashes series against Australia showed a 22 per cent increase on 1989, when the Austrlia last visited.

Widnes reject moves

RUGBY LEAGUE: Widnes have rejected a double transfer request by the club's two scrum halves, Bobby Goulding and Chris Kelly. Eight players have left Naughton Park since the end of last season. Goulding, 21, the Great Britain player, has been unable to sell his house in Leeds despite leaving the Headingley club 15 months ago and is being linked with Leeds, Halifax and Keighley. Kelly, 20, wants a move after playing only three senior matches in three years. Jon Grieve, 22, the Australian forward, who joined Widnes at the start of the season, is to undergo knee surgery and will be out of action for at least three weeks.

WORD-WATCHING

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ESCHEAT

(b) An "incident" of feudal law, whereby a fief reverted to the lord when the tenant died without leaving a successor qualified to inherit under the original grant. Hence, the lapsing of land to the Crown (in US, to the state), or to the lord of the manor, on the death of the owner intestate without heirs, from the Latin *excidere* to fall to a person's share.

DISCALCED

(c) Unshod, barefooted, specifically applied to certain orders of friars and nuns, from the Latin *discalceāre* to remove the shoes from: "The Carmelite reform both of men and women, instituted by St Teresa, is also discalced. The discalced Augustinians (Hermits) were founded by Father Thomas of Jesus, a Portuguese."

FLEMENSFIRTH

(c) A term of OE law, probably meaning the offence of entertaining a banished person, and hence the king's right of exacting a penalty for this offence, one of the many corrupt forms of the OE *flymena fyrmo* entertainment of fugitives.

GILLFLIRT

(a) A young woman or girl of a wanton or giddy character, portmanteau from *Gill* - *Jill* + *flirt*: "Thy skull is empty; mine is more pregnant than ever was the gillflirt drab which bore thee."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxb7! Rxb7 2 Qd8+ Kg7 3 f6+ Kh8 4 Qxg8+ Kxg8 5 Re8 checkmate.

Kankkunen masters elements to take title

BY OLIVER HOLT

FITFULLY, and not without a scare, Juha Kankkunen brushed aside the fading challenges of his pursuers and the heavy snow that blanketed the final leg of the RAC Rally yesterday to win the event for the third time and confirm his status as the most successful driver in the history of his sport.

From the overnight halt in Gateshead back to a champagne reception in Birmingham, the Finnish four-times world champion plotted a consistent course through the Yorkshire forests, closing inexorably on the goal of his twentieth world championship rally win, one more than the man with whom he had previously shared the record, his compatriot, Markku Alen.

Kankkunen was fastest in more than a third of the 35 stages of the four-day rally which turned into a battle against the elements during its latter stages. "I have honestly never driven in anything like that," Robbie Head, the emerging Scottish driver whose rally ended in a snow-filled ditch in the Kielder forest on Tuesday, said. "The snow is a little softer for the first car but then it is sheet ice for the rest and there is no traction. You have to take your hat off to Kankkunen. He is Mr Consistency."



Kankkunen: consistent

Only in the wintry half-light before dawn, when the Finn initially refused to accept a route change agreed by the stewards because of the conditions, and then two hours later, when his Toyota Celica hit a post and skidded in and out of a ditch, was his victory fleetingly in doubt.

After some deliberation, he complied with the stewards' instructions and his slip into the ditch became nothing more than an inconvenient detour resulting in a smashed side window as he finished one minute 44 seconds ahead of Kenneth Eriksson in his Mitsubishi Lancer.

His triumph gilded his latest world title, clinched last month in Catalonia. It was his fifth rally win of a year disrupted by the loss of his regular co-driver, Juha Piironen. Diligent, steady and methodical, Kankkunen is not dissimilar in style and approach to the four-times Formula One world champion. "My name is not Alain Prost, though," he said. "I already have a contract with Toyota for next season and I will be back again in the sport. I still feel good enough to win rallies."

Malcolm Wilson, from Northumberland, finished third in his Ford Escort, an outstanding result in his seventeenth RAC Rally and comfortably better than his previous-best finish of ninth last year.

His performance and the presence of Nicky Grist, from Abergavenny, as co-driver in Kankkunen's car, provided British rallying with some solace in the wake of Colin McRae's exit and the seventeenth consecutive year without a home winner.

Although Wilson set the fastest time in the penultimate stage of the rally in Scunthorpe, his chances of overhauling Eriksson disappeared during the morning's first stage at Hamsterley, where snowdrifts across the track made it impassable in parts for two-wheel drive cars.

Wilson had to reverse sharply to free a rock trapped between a wheel and a caliper. "We lost at least 30 seconds there," he said. "It was horrendous driving at that sort of speed on sheet ice."

Despite his objections to the early change, Kankkunen, who won the event in 1987 and 1991, set the fastest time on stage 29, came second in the next and was quickest again at Gale Rigg and Langdale. At Dalby, normally one of the most fearsome stages in world rallying, he was clear of the field by 14 seconds, with the last obstacle effectively behind him and a lead of nearly two minutes to take into the abbreviated final stages.

LEADING POSITIONS (after 34 stages): 1, J Kankkunen/N Grist (Fin/GB), Toyota Celica, 6hr 22mn 27sec; 2, K Eriksson/S Parmander (Swe), Mitsubishi Lancer, 6:24:11; 3, M Wilson/B Thomas (GB), Ford Escort, 6:27:13, 4, F Delecour/D Grataloup (Fr), Ford Escort, 6:29:16; 5, A Vatanen/B Berglund (Fin/Swe), Subaru Impreza, 6:30:37, 6, D Auriol/V Occelli (Fr), Toyota Celica, 6:35:51; 7, R Burns/R Reid (GB), Subaru Legacy, 6:40:50; 8, A Schwarz/P Thul (Ger), Mitsubishi Lancer, 6:47:42; 9, M Jonsson/L Backman (Swe), Toyota Celica, 6:57:24; 10, A McRae/D Senior (GB), Subaru Legacy, 6:57:37.

Skiers left with mountain to climb

Alix Ramsay ends her series on disability sport by looking at the problems of Britain's winter Paralympians



Stockford takes off down the slopes in the style he hopes will earn him a sit-ski medal at the games in Lillehammer

After the summer Paralympic Games last year the spotlight focused on Britain's stars of track, field and swimming leaving the winter team in the shadows. Now, with the winter games in Lillehammer, Norway, four months away, the British Paralympic Association (BPA) has to find the funding, facilities and the team to mount a challenge.

Although Britain has never been known as a world beater in winter sports, at Paralympic level there are at least two medal favourites in Matthew Stockford and Richard Burt. But they find themselves at the head of a group lagging far behind the summer squad in attitude and opportunities.

In 1992 Britain took a team of 15 to Tignes in France and came home with five medals. Burt's silver in the giant slalom being the best performance. Since then there has been little sign of improvement. Unlike the summer team, where the approach to the competition has been wholly professional, the winter squad still consists mainly of promising amateurs. Only recently has a selection procedure been drawn up where entry to the squad depends on a competitor being watched rather than relying on third-hand reports.

"We've got tougher with the summer team and now we have got to be tougher with the winter's," Barry Schofield, the BPA general secretary, said. "We can't take people along only to come a creditable seventeenth."

The British Ski Federation has agreed to help out in an advisory capacity but for the likes of Stockford and Burt it is too little too late. Both Stockford and Burt have achieved success on their own, funding themselves, finding their own coaches and their own training facilities. It comes as no surprise to Stockford that there is nobody in the sit-ski class chasing him for the top spot.

So dire is the training and coaching situation that Burt's father, Bob, has offered through the local press at his home near Salisbury, Wiltshire, to give help to any partially-sighted skier, like his son, who wants to try for Paralympic selection. When Burt first showed signs of doing well at 15, the only official training he received was at race meetings and the occasional training week. Determined to make his mark, he moved to France at the age of 20 last winter to train with a ski school alongside able-bodied skiers.

The problem for Stockford and Burt is that they are far superior to the rest so when they attend team sessions they feel shut out as attention is focused on beginners.

"All the training Richard has received has come from his guide, Keith Hockley. The rest has been non-existent," Bob Burt said. For the last five years he has funded his son privately and while state allowances and a frugal lifestyle keep the wolf from Richard's door in the French Alps it leaves him far behind the leading skiers in the world.

The British skiers were not a little envious of their opponents in Tignes last year. With technicians and pools of skis for the squad, some other teams had the same backup as professional able-bodied skiers. It is only since last spring that the British team has had an official coach, Steve Gill, but in Bob Burt's view one man is not enough to cater for beginners and top-level racers.

PETER TRIEVNOR



At his office in London, Stockford maps out his plans for a Norwegian winter

Stockford was disappointed by what he saw at the pre-Paralympic competition in Lillehammer last season. Despite the BPA spending almost £30,000 on three training trips for potential team members, Stockford has had almost no time on snow this season. In Norway he saw his main rival, Chris Waddell, hit peak form after four months training in America, made possible because the United States' Paralympic team is part of its Olympic set-up.

Burt and Stockford have their own helpers providing coaching and support. Both have a technician to prepare the skis. But with money tight it is debatable whether the funding will last until the Games in March. Stockford worries about young hopefuls who are looking to be given a chance.

"We should be looking now for the next games in '98," he said. "If you are young you need to be fully supported. At the moment we are decades behind the Americans, Austrians and Swiss and there is no sign of it getting any better."

Parrott turns up heat after slow start

BY PHIL YATES

JOHN Parrott's comfortable progress through the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship looks likely to continue in Preston today when he carries a 6-2 lead into the concluding session of his best-of-17-frame quarter-final against Nigel Bond.

Parrott, the 1991 UK champion and runner-up to Jimmy White last year, did not play with the same authority in the first session yesterday as he did when beating Tony Knowles 9-2 and David Roe 9-3 in the two previous rounds, but he was, nevertheless, too strong for Bond, the ninth seed.

It was a surprise, considering both players' usual policy of aggressive shot selection, that the opening frame, won by Parrott on the pink, dragged on for 42 minutes. The first four frames were exceptionally scrappy.

Although Bond won the second frame on the black to make the score 1-1, the setback did not affect the former world champion.

Parrott, who indicated that he was running into form by reaching the semi-finals of the Skoda Grand Prix last month, went 4-2 ahead with breaks of 30, 38, 30, and 64 before he recovered from 1-45 in the seventh frame.

Having increased his lead to 5-2 with a last-red-to-pink clearance, Parrott compiled a run of 63, his highest of the session, to leave himself requiring only three of the remaining nine frames on the resumption for a semi-final against Stephen Hendry, favourite for the £70,000 first prize, or James Wattana, of Thailand.

Darren Morgan, who won seven of the last eight frames in transforming a 6-2 deficit into an unexpected 9-7 victory over White in the last 16, held a 5-3 advantage over Terry Griffiths, his fellow Welshman, going into their final session.

After enjoying an ideal start with a first-frame 128 break, Morgan fell 2-1 behind, but Griffiths, winner of the United Kingdom title 11 years ago, then began to look vulnerable.

Morgan, the world No 10, who has lost two of his three tournament meetings with Griffiths, included breaks of 51, and 67 as he won four consecutive frames for 5-2. Griffiths limited his interval arrears and interrupted Morgan's momentum, with a run of 59 in the eighth. The winner will meet Steve Davis or Ronnie O'Sullivan in the semi-finals.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: D Morgan (Wales) leads T Griffiths (Wales), 5-3; J Parrott (Eng) leads N Bond (Eng), 6-2.

Taking exhilarating flight across Southern Ocean



Lawrie Smith relishes the raw conditions testing yachts in the Whitbread Round the World Race

We're on a roll! For the past six hours, we have been averaging almost 20 knots in a blind but spectacular run through the Southern Ocean, on course to set a new 24-hour record run — if these winds hold.

Thick fog has cut visibility to less than half a mile for much of the past week, turning this hostile ocean into something of a chicken run. If we ease up, even a fraction, rivals like Chris Dickson's Tokio and the Spanish entry, Galicia, will close our lead. By pressing on as fast as possible, however, we run the risk of running into ice.

Last night, we came perilously close to a giant iceberg hidden by the murk and narrowly missed two "growlers" — those off-cuts of ice that have broken away from the main berg — that look disturbingly like breaking wave-tops, until you are on top of them.

It's scary, for even a glancing blow would hole our yacht, Intrum Justitia, but with no quarter given within the fleet, there is no alternative but to press on. Our radar is proving useless. It is set too low to register icebergs even the size of the Isle of Wight until they are within visual sight and growlers are lost completely to the screen. Instead, we keep eyes peeled with one crewman acting as point man at the mast.

With winds behind us at the moment, it is not too cold, but whenever they move round to the beam, the wind-chill factor and icy spray that continually washes over deck makes this the worst job on deck. Yet there is nowhere else in the world to experience this exhilaration of running for hour upon hour at 20 knots. This is the ultimate and, despite the cold and threat of ice, none of us want to be anywhere else. Overnight, we have pulled out a 50-mile lead over Tokio, gaining a drop on them by putting up the spinnaker shortly after the winds topped 40knots when others, we guess, stuck to headsails.

It was a risky move, but one that has paid off handsomely. Not only did we widen the lead on our 60-foot rivals, but overtook Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss maxi, Merit, during the night and are taking two miles an hour out of New Zealand Endeavour, Grant Dalton's leading maxi, which now only 70 miles ahead of us.

Behind us, we understand that Tokio has trouble with its generator and that Brad Butterworth's crew on Winston have lost their pulpit and lifelines. So far, we have suffered little more than a few torn sails and the injury to Magnus Ollson's arm, which has been a worry. He is still in considerable pain and below decks acting as cook and cleaner — which he is not happy about — while I fill his role as watch-leader.

He hopes to have the use of his arm back within a week, by which time Intrum will be well past the Prince Edward Islands, the compulsory mid-ocean turning point, now 1,000 miles ahead of us, and halfway to Fremantle.

Meanwhile, fingers are firmly crossed on board that these winds will hold. This boat is well capable of a record 480-mile day and we still have that bet riding with the Endeavour boys that we can take 50 miles a day out of them. So far, we have fallen just short. 48 miles is our maximum, but give us this wind for a few more hours . . .

□ As Lawrie Smith's leading 60-footer, Intrum Justitia, was heading for another record day's run through the Southern Ocean yesterday during the second stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race, other crews were counting the cost of the strengthening winds (Barry Pickthall writes). Winston, the American entry skippered by Brad Butterworth, has lost her pulpit and forward lifelines after a snap-shackle holding down the yacht's gennaker sail failed.

Among the others to enjoy the stronger conditions have been Matt Humphries's crew on the British entry, Dolphin & Youth Challenge, whose speedo registered 29.9knots during one spectacular surf down a 40ft wave yesterday.

POSITIONS

At 14.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Fremantle

Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 4,532 miles; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 4,614; 3, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 4,773; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Urug), 5,248. Whitbread 60 class: 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 4,603; 2, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ), 4,659; 3 Galicia '93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Spl), 4,713; 4, Yamaha (R Field, NC), 4,677; 5, Winston (B Butterworth, US), 4,701; 6, Brookfield (C Maido, Ill), 4,854; 7, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 4,916; 8, Heiman Sahadeichny (E Platon, Ukr), 5,050; 9, Women's Challenge (D Rivey, US), 5,096; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr), 5,241

Wood extends British hopes

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE holders of the European women's team tennis championship were last night holding on. Great Britain improbably extended their match against the second seeds, Holland, when Clare Wood beat an opponent ranked 53 places higher than her in the world.

Wood, 25, and her team partner, Amanda Wainwright, who had earlier lost her singles match, were heading towards a premature but predictable departure before Wood recovered an apparently lost cause. From 2-5 down against Stephanie Rottier, she conceded only eight points in capturing the first set and went on to win 7-5, 6-3.

Beset by the same problems which hindered her otherwise comfortable journey to the national title in Telford a fortnight ago, Wood began with a couple of double faults and served two more to help enlarge the deficit. The Dutch were then clearly favoured to gain revenge for their fate a year ago.

In the only previous meeting between the two countries, they had been defeated in the final in Prague. On that occasion, Wood lost her singles but, in the company of Jo Durie, won the decisive doubles to be crowned as the European team champions.

The title may sound grand but it is as worthy as competing for a tin pot. Although half of the leading 30 women in the world are from the Continent, not one of them will be on view during the five-day event staged on the outskirts of Sheffield.

Only two of the eight nations are to be represented by their leading individuals. Wood is one. The other is Asa Carlsson, of Sweden, and she is ranked no higher than 167th in the world. The rest of the teams are formed by junior understudies, who might benefit from the experience.

Germany, the top seeds, could have sent their sixth best team and still have been virtually assured of finishing as champions. France, the second strongest nation in Europe, were not even in contention. On paper, incidentally, Britain do not merit inclusion in the top dozen.

The timing, immediately after the conclusion of the women's tour, might have been designed to preclude a genuine championship. No wonder the proceedings, held in Britain for the first time in the eight-year history of the event, were witnessed by a paying audience amounting scarcely to three figures.

The pattern of the 17-year-old Wainwright's match was uncharacteristic. She usually starts slowly, and builds up speed. Against Kristie Boogert, a tall and graceful right-hander, who is a few weeks short of her twentieth birthday, she opened quickly and decelerated. After holding a 4-1 lead, she went down 7-6, 6-1.

Boogert, a professional for two years, has a penchant for athletics, gymnastics and baseball. Her 17-year-old opponent prefers hockey. Rather than stretching each other and demonstrating their agility, the youngsters exhibited clean hitting. Not all of it was particularly accurate, though, and especially during the second set.

RESULTS: First round: K Boogert (Holl) bt M Wainwright (GB) 7-6, 6-1; R Grande (It) bt M Varlin (Switz) 6-3, 6-4.

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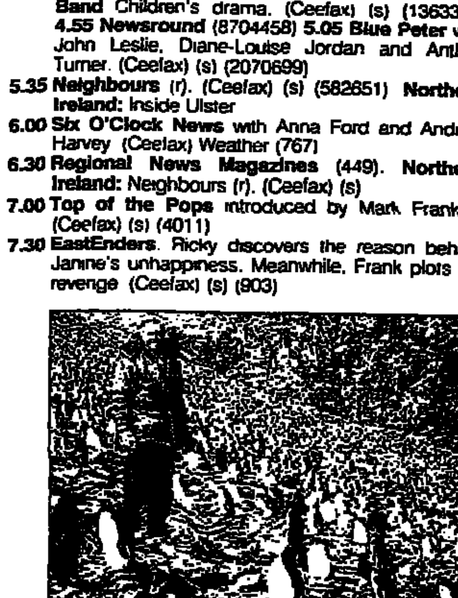
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6.00 Business Breakfast (70632)
7.00 Breakfast News (52548583)
9.05 Kilroy. Topical discussion (s) (9086309) **9.45 Newshound**. Current affairs quiz (1421651)
10.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3875458) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (6109800)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick Daily magazine programme (s) (78398496)
12.15 Pebble Mill Presented by Alan Titchmarsh (2224564) **12.55 Regional news** (76261496)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (14903)
1.30 Neighbours. Antipodean family drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (42193583) **1.50 XYZ**. General knowledge quiz (42104699)
2.15 Snooker. David Vine introduces coverage of the UK Championship from the Guild Hall, Preston (s) (634212)
3.50 Children's BBC: Blinky Bill (s) (7410090) **4.15 Get Your Own Back**. Game show with Dave Benson Phillips (s) (1561729) **4.30 The Boot Street Band** Children's drama. (Ceefax) (s) (1363380) **4.55 Newsround** (8704458) **5.05 Blue Peter** with John Leslie, Diane-Louise Jordan and Anthea Turner. (Ceefax) (s) (2070699)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (582651) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey (Ceefax) Weather (767)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (449). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Mark Franklin. (Ceefax) (s) (4011)
7.30 EastEnders. Ricky discovers the reason behind Janine's unhappiness. Meanwhile, Frank plots his revenge (Ceefax) (s) (903)



Attenborough among the penguins (8.00pm)

8.00 Life in the Freezer. David Attenborough follows a year in the life of Antartica. (Ceefax) (s) (6361)
8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart. Nicholas Lyndhurst stars as the time-travelling television repair man in the latest sitcom by Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran. Gary cannot attend a 1940s dance in sweatshirt and trainers. With Dervla Kirwan and Michelle Holmes. (Ceefax) (s) (5496)
9.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour party. (Ceefax) (693748)
9.10 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (425274)
9.40 If You See God, Tell Him. Richard Briers stars in the penultimate episode of this comedy series about a retired widower obsessed with television commercials. This week he brings chaos to the town's shopping malls. With Adrian Edmondson and Imelda Staunton. (Ceefax) (s) (444212)
10.15 Question Time. Peter Sissons is joined in London by the employment secretary David Hunt, MP, Roy Hattersley, MP, and Sara Morrison, a board director of the General Electricity Company (367692). **Northern Ireland:** Spotlight (866854). **Wales:** The Slate: **Northern Ireland and Wales:** 10.45-11.45 Question Time (489093)
11.15 Spenser for Hire. The private eye (Robert Urich) is hired to protect a financier's son (s) (906390). **Northern Ireland and Wales:** 11.45-12.30am Spenser for Hire (320748)
12.00 Weather (4816775). Ends at **12.05am**
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (29201)

BBC2

6.50 FILM: Destination Murder (1950, b/w) When her father is murdered, Joyce MacKenzie decides to take the law into her own hands Directed by Edward L. Cahn (9675458)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (9313748)
8.15 Westminster Daily (4017318)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Including, for children **1.20 Greenclaws** (81461670) and **1.35 Crystal Tipps and Alistair** (96161125) **2.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather (90094903) **2.05 Come Outside** (14955903)
2.15 Consuming Passions. Chef Ian Pamenter prepares stuffed vine leaves (90017854) **2.20 The Survival Guide to Food** Takeaway meals (r) (Ceefax) (s) (90005019)
2.30 The Third Age The documentary series for the retired looks at changes at home (s) (380)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (4420309) **3.05 Westminster Live** (9887699) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather, regional news and weather (7746800)
4.00 Snooker. The UK Championship from the Guild Hall, in Preston (s) (7090)
6.00 FILM: Day of the Outlaw (1959, b/w) starring Robert Ryan and Burl Ives. Western drama about a group of outlaws who take over an isolated town and cow the inhabitants into submission Directed by Andre de Toth (23212)
7.30 First Sight (545). **Northern Ireland:** The Corner House, **Wales:** Week In Week Out; **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **North, Northeast, Northwest:** Close Up North; **South:** Southern Eye: **Southwest:** Close Up
8.00 CHOICE **In the Red**. Britain's £50 billion budget deficit (4903)
8.30 Top Gear reports from the 200-mile Welsh Hillrally; and tests the latest Lada Riva and Skoda Favorit. (Ceefax) (s) (3038)



Gregor Fisher's Glaswegian muse (9.00pm)

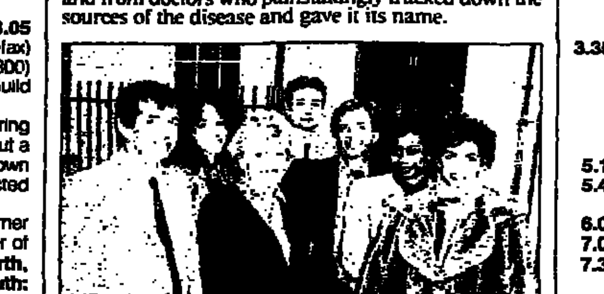
9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt. Gregor Fisher stars as the string-vested philosopher. Mary gets a job and Rab gets the wrong end of the stick. (Ceefax) (s) (3496)
9.30 CHOICE **Blood and Belonging**. (Ceefax) (s) (299699)
10.20 Sister Wendy's Odyssey. Oxford's art treasures (r). (Ceefax) (350941)
10.30 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour party. With subtitles (316380)
10.35 Newsnight presented by Kirsty Wark. (Ceefax) (672293)
11.25 The Late Show. Mark Lawson looks at the first year of the new ITV franchises and asks how well have the viewers been served? (s) (441670). **Northern Ireland:** The Hungry Eye
12.00 Weather (4814317)
12.05am Snooker. Further coverage of the quarter-finals of the UK Championship from Preston's Guild Hall (s) (310423). Ends at **1.45**

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CHOICE

The Plague: The Zero Factor
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The starting point of an impressively researched history of Aids is the liberation of homosexuals in the United States in the 1960s. Officially denied sex for so long, the gay community revelled in its sudden freedom. Enter the medical profession, puzzled by a strange new disease which was causing healthy young men to waste away and die. Then, belatedly, came the politicians, struggling to frame a coherent response to an epidemic with a moral as well as medical dimension. Tonight's film, mainly centred on the United States, takes the story up to the end of 1982. It features testimony from homosexuals who enjoyed the 1960s free-for-all, tragically unaware of the dangers, and from doctors who painstakingly tracked down the sources of the disease and gave it its name.



Budding Chancellors outside No 11 (BBC2, 8.00pm)

In the Red
BBC2, 8.00pm

As Kenneth Clarke's Budget looms, this series stems from the bright idea of letting six people loose on the national housekeeping. Their task, over five programmes, is to understand why we are running a £50 billion deficit and to suggest how £5 billion might be lopped off it. The sextet are from Bristol and in age, class, gender and outlook roughly represent the national population. Reminiscent of the recent series in which non-experts chose works for a Tyneside gallery, *In the Red* puts the viewer firmly on the side of the lay majority. The team's first call is to the City of London where the BZW economist Michael Hughes urges public spending cuts. The second is to the journalist Will Hutton who says exactly the opposite.

Blood and Belonging
BBC2, 9.30pm

Michael Ignatieff's intelligent series on contemporary nationalism pays an inevitable visit to Germany. As Ignatieff points out, the recent history of Germany can almost be written around the related concepts of nation and fatherland. The question was put on ice during post war division but since the Berlin Wall came down it has returned with a vengeance. Ignatieff talks to neo-Nazi skinheads, a respectable far-righter on a white horse, a veteran of the 1960s student protests and Turkish immigrants. His question is whether Germany can find a nationalism that will not disgrace it again. He is pessimistic, arguing that nobody is willing to accept Germany as it is.

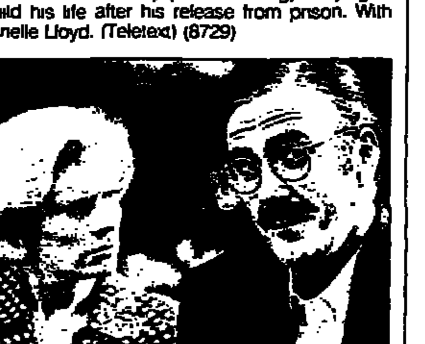
People First: A Quota to Work
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The series on disability highlights the case of Carole Pirie, who was sacked by a large multinational company because of multiple sclerosis which affected her ability to type. She feels that instead of throwing her out, the company could have found her other work. Britain has a law which requires firms to allocate 3 per cent of their workforce to disabled people, but it is rarely enforced and widely ignored. France has a 6 per cent quota, which is enforced, though many companies prefer to pay the fine. Some say the only answer is legislation by the European Community. Lord Ashley reckons it is up to disabled people to learn from the United States and be prepared to fight harder for their rights.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8869496) **9.00 Top of the Morning** with Amanda Redington (8869496)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (7531545) **9.55 London Today**. (Teletext) (6298748)
10.00 The Time ... The Place. John Stapleton hosts a topical discussion (s) (3398670)
10.35 This Morning. Daily magazine show (78382835) **12.20 London Today** and weather (7189090)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) (9127212)
12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (9102903)
1.25 Home and Away Greg causes tension at the beach house (Teletext) (30471361) **1.55 A Country Practice**. Jenny Austin confronts her fiancé (s) (42198038)
2.20 TV Weekly (s) (59710903) **2.50 The Young Doctors** Australian hospital drama (7266564) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (4437699) **3.25 London Today** and weather (4429670)
3.30 Children's ITV: Tots TV (s) (2469851) **3.40 The Riddlers** (7840670) **3.50 Cartoon**. Porky Pig (7846854) **4.00 The Spooks of Bottle Bay**. Puppet series (s) (1566274) **4.15 Wolf It**. (Teletext) (s) (572903) **4.45 Bad Influence!** The latest computer games (s) (1353903)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2064038)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (192187)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (48309)
7.00 Emmerdale. Rural drama. (Teletext) (2309)
7.30 The Big Story. Dermot Murnaghan investigates the George Heron case (s) (699)
8.00 The Bill. Malcolm Clay (Albert Welling) is trying to rebuild his life after his release from prison. With Gabrielle Lloyd. (Teletext) (8729)



Double-take for Weston and McGann (8.30pm)

8.30 The Upper Hand. Role-reversal comedy. Absence makes the heart grow fonder. With Joe McGann, Diane Weston and Honor Blackman (s) (9944)
9.00 All in the Game In the last of the series, the Uruguayan centre-forward, Hugo Barresco, is signed by the Barcelona team, and Darren is dropped from the squad. (Teletext) (s) (8816)
10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour party (r) (345019)
10.05 News at Ten with Julia Somerville. (Teletext) (740800) **10.35 London Tonight** (105534)
10.45 Big City. Gordon Kennedy meets stand-up comedian Ben Elton at a go-kart circuit (850293)
11.15 Going Underground: Molly. A series of dramas set on the London Underground. After a night at the opera, an MP and his wife find themselves confronting a guilty secret from their past. With Susan Wooldridge, John Standing and Nerys Hughes (s) (771293)
11.40 Raw Soup. Paul Tonkinson and Miranda Sawyer with music from Chumbawumba and comedy from Caroline Aherne (s) (436748)
12.40am Arts Awards. Theatre and dance companies compete in the Prudential Arts Awards (6596978)
1.10 Donahue. Phil Donahue talks to men who believe that their good looks intimidate women (2203249)
2.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (33607)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub quiz show (54997)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (85336)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (38201)
5.00 Riviera. French drama series (24268)
5.30 ITN Morning News (44881). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Last in the series (r) (1980106) **6.50 The Wombles** Children's puppet animation (r) (2605477)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (37854)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Bill Cosby presents the American game show (r) (s) (18212)
9.30 Schools: Middle English (5143458) **9.46** Mathematical Eye (3275651) **10.07** Scientific Eye (6205038) **10.28** Geographical Eye (6032670) **10.50** Believe it or Not (4238309) **11.06** Science in the Environment (9703941) **11.22** Coming Together (7636632) **11.40** The French Programme (5230090)
12.00 House to House. Political news and analysis with Maya Even (86908)
12.30 Sesame Street Educational fun for pre-school children (66496) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak**. Cartoon (r) (20903)
2.00 FILM: Roman Scandals (1933, b/w). Daft but jolly musical with Eddie Cantor and Ruth Etting starring amid Busby Berkeley dance routines. A shy American boy is transported back in time to ancient Rome. With Gloria Stuart and Lucille Ball. Directed by Frank Tuttle (644699)
3.35 Union Street. Australian animation (7431583)
3.55 The Feast of Christmas. Paul Levy and his family plan their Christmas catering with the help of celebrity cooks (r). (Teletext) (3122125)
4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-paced general knowledge elimination quiz. (Teletext) (s) (212)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show Ms Winfrey's topic for debate today is: what happens when a 16-year-old brings home an alcoholic boyfriend with a criminal record? (Teletext) (s) (3064038)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Animation (624477)
6.00 Trash Talk. American reports on and around the grid-iron football scene (477)
6.30 Gamesmaster. Computer game reviews and tips, with Dexter Fletcher, gamesmaster Patrick Moore and guest Liam (son of Ian) Botham (s) (729)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow (Teletext) and weather (501458)
7.50 Peace by Christmas? Shane Paul O'Doherty, who served 15 years in prison for masterminding letter-bomb attacks in London, has renounced violence and believes that the IRA may be ready to do the same if they are invited to the conference table (147458)
8.00 CHOICE **People First: A Quota to Work** (Teletext) (9699)
8.30 Wildshots. Wildlife photographer Chris Packham asks landscape photographer Charlie Waite to capture on film the scenery of Constable's *The Haywain*. (Teletext) (8106)
9.00 CHOICE **The Plague: The Zero Factor**. (Teletext) (6458)



Margi Clarke comes out fighting (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: Blonde Fist (1991). This comedy-drama about a Liverpool boxer's equally pugnacious daughter, is appealingly quirky but, unfortunately, not particularly funny. Margi Clarke, as usual, has a fair stab at playing herself; Carroll Baker and Ken Hutchinson support. Directed by Frank Clarke. (Teletext) (s) (9816)
12.00 Sex Talk. How models, strippers, rent boys and porn actors sell their bodies (r) (9825220)
12.45 Dispatches. Current affairs (r) (7080249)
1.30 Trash Talk. As 6pm (84626). Ends at **2.00**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News 93 **6.30** Evening Session with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **9.00** The Guest List with Mark Kermode **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy incl at **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan. Eric Knowles with the *Children in Need* auction, call 071-306 0222 to bid and at **8.40** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart, live from the NEC, Birmingham **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Children in Need: Ken Bruce launches this year's appeal. Call 0500 221122 to pledge money **8.30** Brian Matthews **10.00** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden incl at **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester incl at **3.30** Pause for Thought

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition with Michele Stephens **9.00** For Schools: Let's Make a Story; **9.15** Together. An Assembly for Schools; **9.35** Listen and Read 1: **9.45** Letterbox; **9.55** Poetry Corner. **10.05** In the News **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30pm** Writers' Weekly (r) **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** Box 13 **7.15** Love Them, Hate Them: The Blood Brother by Vivian Alcock **7.30** Formula Five with Jez Nelson **8.00** Vibe! with Normski **9.30** Katherine's Long Weekend by Joel Smith (r) **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Network UK **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Good Books **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** The Farming World **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Assignment **10.30** The Voices of America **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *The Master* **2.45** The Learning World **3.00** World News **3.15** Ray on Record **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Network UK **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** Music Review **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Tchaikovsky **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** On the Move **1.45** Global Concerns **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Runyon's Guys and Dolls: So You Won't Talk **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** News **4.15** American Pioneers

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto Lvov (Violin Concerto in A minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** The Travel Guide. New Orleans **8.00** Evening Concert Prokofiev (Cinderella) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters (2064038) **6.00** Home and Away (989816) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (854767) **10.30** Anglia News (197535) **10.45** Anglia Tonight (850293) **11.15** Wideangle (771293) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (436748) **12.40am** FILM Conspiracy to Kill (175572) **2.25** Superstars of Wrestling (7552317) **3.05** America's Top Ten (22056794) **3.35** The New Music (9210317) **4.30** Riviera (55626) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (24268)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Central News (6298748) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News (7189090) **1.55-2.20** Shortland Street (42198038) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (7266564) **3.25-3.30** Central News (4429670) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2064038) **6.00** Home and Away (989816) **6.25** Central News (997835) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (157537) **10.35** Central News (105534) **10.45** FILM. Finders Keepers (83422309) **12.30am** Hollywood Report (22171) **1.00** The Little Picture Show (40775) **2.00** 60 Minutes (9688510) **2.55** Raw Power (3694997) **3.55** Quiz Night (31864249) **4.25** Central Jobfinder (6904978) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5281107)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55pm-2.20 A Country Practice (42198038) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (7266564) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (48309) **10.45** The West This Week (290748) **11.30** Let Loose (163545) **11.45** Prisoner Cell Block H (795903) **12.40am** FILM: Conspiracy to Kill (175572) **2.25** Superstars of Wrestling (7552317) **3.05** America's Top Ten (22056794) **3.35** The New Music (9210317) **4.30** Riviera (55626) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (24268)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00pm Wales at Six (835) **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme (187) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (699) **10.45** Wales and Westminster (850293) **11.15-11.45** Coach (857106)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.50pm-3.20 Shortland Street (7286564) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (4429670) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes (614090) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (835) **6.30-7.00** Time Off (187) **10.45** The Pier (553729) **11.20** The Listings (293309) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (456477) **12.20am** Coach (9770001) **12.40-1.10** Beyond Reality (6596978) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (24268)

TYNE-TEES
As London except: 12.25pm-12.30 Lookaround (7104309) **5.55** Tyne Tees News (517699) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (187) **10.45** Northern Eye (290748) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (707748) **12.25am** Murder by the Book (318065) **2.10** America's Top Ten (6371688) **2.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5531713) **3.10** FILM: A Day to Remember (971065) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (8401571)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.55pm-2.20 A Country Practice (42198038) **3.25-3.30** UTV Live (4429670) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live (48309) **10.35** UTV Live (105534) **10.45** Counterpoint (850293) **11.15** Go Fishing (857106) **11.45** Island Son (795903) **12.40am** FILM. Conspiracy to Kill (175572) **2.25** Superstars of Wrestling (7552317) **3.05** America's Top Ten (22056794) **3.35** The New Music (9210317) **4.30** Riviera (55626) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (24268)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55pm The Sullivans (27904274) **2.25** TV Weekly (59718274) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (2122980) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (48309) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (197535) **10.45** It's a Living (850293) **11.15** Prisoner: Cell Block H (450293) **12.10am** Jack Thompson Down Under (3899997) **12.40** FILM. Conspiracy to Kill (175572) **2.25** Superstars of Wrestling (7552317) **3.05** America's Top Ten (22056794) **3.35** The New Music (9210317) **4.30** Riviera (55626) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (24268)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Calendar News (6298748) **12.20pm-12.30** Calendar News (7189090) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News (4429670) **5.55** Calendar News (517699) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (187) **10.45** Edit V (290748) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (707748) **12.25am** Murder by the Book (318065) **2.10** America's Top Ten (6371688) **2.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5531713) **3.10** FILM: A Day to Remember (971065) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (8401571)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (37854) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (16212) **9.30** Schools (606767) **12.00** House to House (86908) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (21632) **1.00** Travelog (30941) **1.30** Crawshaws Watercolour Studio (20903) **2.00** FILM The Captive Heart (727361) **3.50** Doctor De Soto (7844496) **4.00** Slot 23 (2380) **5.00** The Cosby Show (4877) **5.30** Fifteen to One (564) **6.00** Newyddion **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (231816) **6.25** Heno (852309) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3651) **7.30** Noson Lawen (12699) **8.30** Newyddion **9.00** Gorau Awen Gwirionedd (9293) **10.30** Snwcer (13125) **11.00** FILM: The Fog (983477) **12.40am** Nurses (6587220) **1.10** People First (2284220)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air. Andrew McGregor presents Avison (Concerto Grosso No 9: English Concert, under Trevor Pinnock); Alfven (Swedish Rhapsody, Op 19): Wieniawski (Scherzo Tarantelle); Ravel (La Valse); Gounod, arr Perkins (Funeral March of a Marionette); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 17 in G, K453m)
9.00 Polska! Composer of the Week: Panufnik. Introduced by Roxanna Panufnik. Tragic Overture (London Symphony Orchestra under Jascha Horenstein); Bassoon Concerto (BBC Symphony Orchestra under the composer, with Robert Thompson, bassoon); Landscape (London Symphony Orchestra under the composer); Sinfonia Sacra (Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under the composer)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Elgar (Overture, Cockaigne); Scriabin (Piano Sonata No 9, Black Mass); Delius (Song of the High Hills); Liszt (Ballade No 2 in B minor); Szymanowski, transcr Kochanski (Roxana's Song, King Roger); Walton (Belshazzar's Feast)
12.00 Ensemble: Panocha Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 33 No 2, Joke); Dvořák (String Quartet in G, Op 106) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic performs Lutoslawski (Variations on a Theme of Paganini); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor); Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor)
2.35 Polska! Polish Singers, with John Steane, introduces records by Polish singers of the past, including the great soprano, Marcella Sembrich
3.05 Polska! Chopin: The four Ballades played by Tamas Vasary on piano
3.45 Three Madrigalists: The achievements of Monteverdi, Frescobaldi and Marco da Gagliano
5.00 In Tune: with Sean Rafferty from the Belfast Festival Mozart (Divertimento, No 8 in F, K213); Ravel (Introduction and Allegro); Dvořák (Scherzo capriccioso, Op 66); Liszt (Fantasia on Hungarian Folk Themes)
7.30 The Royal Concert. Last night's annual concert in the presence of the Duke of Gloucester at the Festival Hall. Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Charles Mackerras performs Elgar (Enigma Variations) **8.05** After the Playing's Over **8.15** Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in D minor, Choral)
9.35 Polska! Snapshots: Warsaw Sounds of the City
9.55 Mendelssohn: Goldberg Ensemble under Malcolm Layfield performs Andante and Scherzo, Op 81
10.15 Polska! Time and Silence (r)
10.45 Polska! Night Waves: Humphrey Carpenter reports on the cultural scene in Warsaw
11.30 Polska! Voices, introduced by Iain Burnside. Chopin (Nineteen Songs, Op 74: Elisabeth Soderstrom, soprano, Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano) Chopin, transcr Liszt (The Wish; Merrymaking; My Darling, The Bridegroom: Leslie Howard, piano)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.05 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev James Butterworth **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with Eric James **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 The Moral Maze: Chairman Michael Buerk is joined by Janet Daley, Rabbi Hugo Gryn and Dr David Starkey
9.45 Aesthete's Foot
10.00-10.30 Unofficial Rosie (FM only), by Alan McDonald (3/6)
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Jeremiah (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Screenplay: Iain Johnstone is joined by Dick Vosburgh, Robin Ray, John Thomson and Bernard Bresslaw **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Michelle and the Landlady. See Choice.
3.00-4.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) live from Westminster
3.00 Radio Lives (FM only): Sir Hugh Greene a Great DG? Alasdair Milne puts the man into perspective (r)
3.40 Lost Villages (FM only): Arkwright Town. Sean Street tells of the evacuation of the villagers in 1988 because of a poisonous gas leak (r)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Allen reviews Tony Kushner's play *Perestroika*, the follow-up to the award-winning *Angels in America*; plus a tribute to Sir Herbert Read at Leeds City Art Gallery
4.45 Short Story: Cats at an Auction, by Kate Roberts. Read by Siân Phillips
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Hugh Sykes
5.45 Party Political Broadcast, by the Labour party **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Harry Hill's Fruit Corner: Comedy show for all the family. Nana Hill tries to kill the contestants in the Woodland Song Contest
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Back on the Bus. See Choice
8.00 Analysis: Paved with Good Intentions. Stuart Simon looks at what lies behind President Clinton's spectacular foreign policy reverses and asks why he has failed to define a doctrine that sounds as credible as those of his predecessors
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? with Ted Harrison
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: We Are Still Married, by Garrison Keillor (r)
11.00 Radio Cars: A Toy Boy, by Jennifer Phillips. Part four of the series with Gary Waldhorn and Harriet Waller
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Michelle and the Landlady. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
There are famous precedents for Caroline Forbes's macabre comedy about an unorthodox way of disposing of a corpse. *Fawlty Towers* springs to mind, and *Arsenic and Old Lace* and Hitchcock's *The Trouble with Harry*. Forbes's play, which won her a 1992 *Radio Times* drama script award, is a two-hander. Rosemary Leach is the landlady who respects her lodger's last wish for a Viking's funeral — cremation at sea — and Beverley Hills is her accomplice, literally carrying a torch for the man who, in life, she never met.

Back on the Bus. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
This is quintessential "now and then" radio. Nick Baker takes a No 3 night bus and re-traces the same north-south London route along which Wynford Vaughan-Thomas travelled 45 years ago. Of the household-name reporters strung along the route in 1948, only Brian Johnston contributes his memories in 1993. Vaughan-Thomas is, alas, no longer with us, but this does not deter Baker from saying matey things to him en route to journey's end which is at the Oval cricket ground in Kennington.

Peter Davalle

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (50534496) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-long (4159632) **9.10** Cartoons (9680564) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (76106) **10.00** Card Sharks (3172854) **10.25** Concentration (8405564) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (8208651) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (52187) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (45748) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (70922) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (75477) **2.00** The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald (36651) **3.00** Another World (8491583) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8393854) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9854) **6.00** Games World (6496) **6.30** Paradise Beach (7748) **7.00** Rescue (6093) **7.30** Growing Pains (6632) **8.00** The Paper Chase (18106) **9.00** China Beach (21670) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (54859) **11.00** The Kennedys (86380) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (53794) **1.00am** Night Court (26133) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (56862)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (8972458) **9.30** Nightline (52380) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (27106) **11.30** Japan Business Today (47748) **12.30pm** News/Business Report (21922) **1.30** News (22651) **2.30** Parliament Live (82309) **4.30** News/Business Report (3545) **5.00** Live at Five (861632) **7.30** The Reporters (4274) **9.30** Talkback (85800) **10.00** International Hour (44729) **11.30** News (47038) **12.30am** World News (67305) **1.30** The Reporters (40572) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (65930) **3.30** Talkback (77775) **4.30** The Reporters (79572) **5.30-6.00** News (73317)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (6732800)
10.00 To My Daughter (1991): A woman comes to terms with the death of her daughter (81038)
12.00 Continental Divide (1981): Cynical reporter John Belushi and flower-loving naturalist Blair Brown fall in love (40854)
2.00 Fear is the Key (1972): Starring Ben Kingsley as a man seeking revenge for his family's death in a plane crash (392699)
3.50 Sergeant Ryker (1968): Courtroom drama with Lee Marvin (154651)
5.20 To My Daughter (as at 10am) (38770583)
6.55 Christopher Columbus: The Discovery (1992). Marlon Brando and Tom Selleck star in this big-budget epic (90296090)
9.00 The Lawnmower Man (1992): Pierce Brosnan and Jeff Fahey venture into the world of virtual reality in this garish science-fiction horror story (55688583)
10.50 Marked for Death (1990): A former agent comes out of retirement to tackle drug dealers. With Steven Seagal (21647458)
12.40pm My Name Called Bruce: Martial arts adventure with Bruce Lee (733510)
2.10 Savage Harvest (1981) A family on safari battle to avoid becoming a lion's lunch (2318423)
3.50 Hamburger ... the Motion Picture (1986) Comedy about students at America's only hamburger university (1563978). Ends at **5.20am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00am San Francisco (1936, b/w): Clark Gable and Jeanette MacDonald find their burgeoning romance on rocky ground when the 1906 earthquake hits (86545)
8.00 The Greatest (1977) Biopic of Muhammad Ali (81090)
10.00 Nuts (1987): A prostitute finds her sanity on trial (56816). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Man in the Net (1959, b/w) Alan Ladd is accused of murder (84545)
8.00 Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night (1987). Animated adventure (25545)
10.00 The Great Impostor (1960, b/w): Tony Curtis stars as a con artist who passed himself off as a Trappist monk (72380)
12.00 Goodbye Again (1961, b/w): Ingrid Bergman falls for Anthony Perkins (48496)
2.00pm The Promise (1979). A teenager is surprised to see his girlfriend again after she dies in an horrific car crash (13651)
4.00 Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night (as 8am) (9800)
6.00 Impromptu (1990): George Sand lusts after Chopin. With Judy Davis (54877)
8.00 The Commitments (1991). Alan Parker's film about a group of young Dubliners who form a soul band (11152)
10.00 Mortal Thoughts (1991): Hairdressing murder mystery with Demi Moore, Bruce Willis and Harvey Keitel (653564)
11.45 The Road Home (1989): Psychologist Donald Sutherland gets out his ink blots to help a troubled teenager (559767)
1.45am Disturbed (1990): The head of a mental asylum (Malcolm McDowell) goes out of his mind when a patient rejects his advances (211930)
3.25 Heat Wave (1990): Drama about the 1965 Los Angeles riots. With Blair Underwood (888881) End at **5.00**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (5696800) **7.15** Prime Bodies (772816) **7.45** The Boss (771187) **8.15** Soccer News (3690941) **8.30** Prime Bodies (91336) **9.00** Cricket: Nations Cup live from Calcutta (4941274) **5.00pm** Watersports (6922) **6.00** Soccer News (670598) **6.15** WWF (59897125) **9.00** Boot Room (56380) **10.00** Soccer News (907748) **10.15** Boots 'n' All (701748) **11.15** European Basketball (183748) **1.15-1.30am** Netbusters (8872862)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (96545) **8.00** Rallying from Birmingham (27941) **8.30** Motors Magazine (31564) **9.30** Car Racing Magazine (98835) **11.00** Football. European Cups (49361) **1.00pm** Rallying (16309) **1.30** Figure Skating (13293) **3.00** Snooker (15545) **4.00** American Ice Hockey (27380) **5.00** Eurosk (1090) **6.00** Road to Lillehammer (1106) **6.30** News (2458) **7.00** Handball. Ladies World Championships, live from Norway (57941) **8.30** Rallying (7274) **9.00** Football: European Cups (24293) **10.30** Tennis: ATP Tour (14477) **11.00** Boxing (93458) **12.00-12.30am** News (10862)

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (4812903) **7.30** Neighbours (4831038) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7082380) **8.30** EastEnders (7081651) **9.00** The Bill (7072903) **9.30** The Onedin Line (2090835) **10.30** Bergerac (5429187) **11.30** Rhoda (9881106) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7092767) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1263564) **1.00** EastEnders (4811274) **1.30** The Bill (1262835) **2.00** For the Love of Ada (8946903) **2.30** You Must Be the Husband (2227800) **3.00** Dallas (9885922) **4.00** Dynasty (9871729) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8960583) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (9178336) **6.00** Neighbours (2328859) **6.30** EastEnders (4328039) **7.00** Survivors (9325458) **8.00** For the Love of Ada (8968767) **8.30** You Must Be the Husband (8945274) **9.00** Bergerac (9347670) **10.00** The Bill (7093496) **10.30** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (7079816) **11.00** Top of the Pops (5954485) **11.45** Dr Who (5649583) **12.15am** FILM I Walked With A Zombie (1943): Horror in the Caribbean (30859626) **1.25** Video Bites (4601978) **2.15-3.30** Shopping (21365152)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (469583) **9.00** Jack in the Box (33187) **11.00** Stones Without Words (58274) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (59903) **12.00** Fame (96583) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (37903) **3.00** The Care Bears (1186564) **3.25** RatKan II (3261293) **3.30** Ovide and the Gang (5564) **4.00** Clyde (4699) **4.30-5.00** Smart! (3583)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (13212) **7.30** Guts (23449) **8.00** Get the Picture (41877) **8.30** Wild Side (91318) **9.00** We All Have Tales (20038) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (57670) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (68274) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (19922) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (18274) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (72458) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (35458) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (12583) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (34729) **2.00** Janosch's Dream (1477) **2.30** Story Time (6651) **3.00** Kablooey (3212) **3.30** Out of Control (8496) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (7903) **4.30** Hey Dude (3187) **5.00** Clarissa Explains it All (2729) **5.30** Get The Picture (7767) **6.00** Guts (7380) **6.30-7.00** Welcome Freshmen (8632)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Global Family (1073962) **4.30** In Search of Wildlife (5673926) **5.00** Get Wet (8968125) **5.30** Extremists (1978318) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5495564) **6.50** Extra Dimensions (8947767) **7.00** Terra X (8948361) **7.30** Pacifica (4223485) **8.00** Blood, Sweat and Glory (9332748) **9.00** Choppers (9891583) **9.30** Secret Life of Machines (1274670) **10.00** Fire (7091038) **10.30** African Ride (7077458) **11.00** JFK Conspiracy (7754467) **11.45-12.00** Encyclopedia Galactica (3529941)

BRAVO
12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7087835) **12.30pm** FILM. All Over Town (1937, b/w). A group of washed-up actors try to re-open a theatre (56754390) **1.40** FILM. The Big Parade of Comedy (1964): Comedy (71085212) **3.10** FILM A Home of Your Own (1965, b/w) Ronnie Barker comedy (6357903) **4.00** Flying Nun (7473908) **4.30** My Three Sons (5578372) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (8865651) **5.30** Donny and Marie (7578552) **6.00** Saber of London (7514425) **6.30** Man from Interpol (6023467) **7.00** Dan August (9343854) **8.00** FILM Dr Crippen (1962, b/w): Story of the doctor who killed his wife (27632019) **9.45** Art Linkletter (2487800) **10.00** FILM Doomwatch (1972) Lumpy-faced mutants roam an island (5741293) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (6770632)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (1724309) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (2082545) **8.30** Living Daylights (2081816) **9.00** Divorce Court (2005496) **9.30** Hot Topics (4238583) **10.00** Dr Ruth (2798274) **10.30** Living Extra (2094380) **11.00** Bazaar (8233632) **11.30** Italian Regional Cookery (8234361) **12.00** Practical Living (41968651) **12.15pm** Kilroy (3917516) **1.00** Crosswits (2196212) **1.30** Divorce Court (4231670) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (2799903) **3.00** Agony Hour (8245477) **4.00** Crosswits (5602835) **4.30** Infatuation (5608019) **5.00** Highlights of Jayne and Friends (8279748) **6.00** Your Baby and Child (5612212) **6.30** Delia Smith's Christmas (5603564) **7.00** Agony Hour (2155651) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2171699) **9.00** FILM. Touched by Love (1980) A cerebral palsy sufferer writes to Elvis (92219800) **10.40** Fame and Fortune (6040361) **11.00** Infatuation (8258841) **11.30** Dr Ruth (2794458) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (1606317)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Danger Bay (5699) **5.30** The Wonder Years (4835) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (1748) **6.30** Catchphrase (2800) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (5835) **7.30** All Clued Up (4212) **8.00** Remington Steele (90748) **9.00** Neon Rider (68552) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (50293) **10.30** The Bob Newhart Show (89941) **11.00** Newhart (73583) **11.30** Mary Tyler Moore (45922) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (24220)

MTV
6.00am Wild Side (461941) **9.00** VJ Marijne (199212) **12.00** Greatest Hits (98941) **1.00pm** On Tour (313545) **3.30** The Report (1544212) **3.45** At the Movies (1549767) **4.00** News (1074106) **4.15** 3 From 1 (1064729) **4.30** Dial MTV (5941) **5.00** The Soul of MTV (4729) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (47835) **7.00** Beavis and Butt-head (7293) **7.30** Most Wanted (86187) **9.00** Greatest Hits (68570) **10.00** The Report (598980) **10.15** At the Movies (548485) **10.30** News (853361) **10.45** 3 From 1 (858816) **11.00** Party Zone (37699) **1.00-2.00am** VJ Marijne (10171) **2.00** Night Videos (4916688)

TV ASIA
6.00am Asian Morning (28729) **6.30** Punjabi News (7828380) **6.45** Gujarati News (5785729) **7.00** Bengali News (81212) **7.30** Hindi News (77019) **8.00** Urdu News (43903) **8.30** English News (80854) **9.30** Janmdata (30109) **10.30** Lifestyle (98632) **11.30** Telly Talk (53729) **12.00** News (46090) **12.30pm** Manoranjan (71274) **1.00** FILM Sangdil (847093) **4.00** Kiddie Time (69380) **5.00-6.00** Dedicated To You (1632) **7.00** Showtime (65038) **8.00** English News (835361) **8.15** Fishaar (360699) **9.00** FILM: Pathar Ke Insaan (573125) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (6975336) **1.00** FILM. Rukhsat (9626713) **4.00** © Youth (21959) **5.00** Nukkad (62682) **5.30-6.00** Music (24065)

TNT
7.00pm Sombrero (1953) Ricardo Montalban gallops around Mexico in a big hat (81578564)
9.00 Neptune's Daughter (1949): Aquatic musical. Esther Williams and Red Skelton join Ricardo in the pool (71685699)
10.45 Fiesta (1947): Ricardo Montalban's dad bullies the sensitive young musician into becoming a bullfighter (11811941)
12.45am Latin Lovers (1953). Ricardo Montalban courts an heiress (56467775)
2.45 Two Weeks With Love (1950): Sisters embark on their first love affairs (31200220). Ends at **4.20**

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Kankkunen defies snow for third RAC win



Juha Kankkunen ploughs through the snow in Dalby Forest yesterday on his way to winning the Network Q RAC Rally for the third time. The Finn, driving a Toyota Celica, beat Kenneth Eriksson, of Sweden, by one minute 44 seconds with Malcolm Wilson, of Britain, third, more than five minutes behind the winner. In adding to his RAC triumphs of 1987 and 1991, Kankkunen gained the twentieth rally victory of his career, one more than the man with whom he had previously shared the record, his compatriot, Markku Alen. Already assured of his fourth world title, Kankkunen left little to chance yesterday, steering his Toyota Celica to four out of five stage wins and stretching his overnight lead of 81 seconds by 23 seconds. However, Kankkunen's determination not to ease off almost resulted in disaster at Cropton, near Pickering, in the morning. Nicky Grist, from Abergavenny, Kankkunen's co-driver, said: "We went off sideways and hit a post very hard. It broke my window and covered me in snow but we kept it full on in the ditch and managed to get the car back on to the stage."
Photograph: Steve Etherington
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Rodber passes fitness test but Morris hits trouble

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

ENGLAND cleared up any lingering doubts over Tim Rodber when their final preparations began yesterday for the rugby union international against New Zealand at Twickenham on Saturday. The Northampton flanker played a full part in training at the Stoop Memorial ground and is ready to win his third cap — though his first as a flanker.

Rodber, 24, bruised a shoulder in his club's defeat at Gloucester last weekend and the England management were happy to leave him until tomorrow, if required. Nonetheless they will be pleased at his swift recovery, leaving Dewi Morris as the main concern for today's private training run.

Morris, the Orrell scrum half, was suffering from influenza at the weekend and though he started training yesterday, withdrew halfway through with chest congestion. However Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, is confident he will be able to take his place in the new-look England side.

Cooke regretted yesterday that, unlike southern-hemisphere countries, there is no second chance for the home unions when they play incoming teams. Defeat on Saturday leaves no opportunity for a comeback to level even a two-match series, the manager pointed out: though whether Scotland would agree with him after their 51-15 laceration last weekend seems debatable.

However, his players may have taken encouragement from the performance of an even younger representative side, the England Emerging Players, at Gloucester on Tuesday night. Dean Ryan, the only capped member of the emerging players team which lost 30-19 to the All Blacks, offered some cogent advice to the seniors: "A lot of sides that have played them have taken a low-risk strategy, kicking from the base of the scrum or from number ten," Ryan said.

"The two teams with which I have been involved [Ryan captained Tuesday's XV and played for London] have tried to run at them, to keep the ball alive. The difficulty is in winning three or four rucks in succession against them."

Cooke said that England were prepared for "calculated risk-taking. We always find the hardest thing an international has to overcome is the fear of losing. But we will always try to take a calculaid gamble and the perception of us as always playing it tight is one we would reject. But what we don't want is the headless chicken rugby London produced against the All Blacks."

Both London and the emerging players, who will have two further fixtures this season, against Spain in February and a South African A side in March, each scored two tries against the All Blacks.

No other side save the South of Scotland has managed even one and the adventure of the young English team drew praise from Laurie Mains, New Zealand's coach. "It may have been their first game together but they were one of the better sides we have played against in England," Mains said. "Their coaches and players deserve credit for the enterprise with which they played."



Rodber: happy

There is greater optimism in the New Zealand camp, who trained at Sandhurst yesterday, that Matthew Cooper, who damaged groin muscles against Scotland last Saturday, may yet have recovered in time to play against England. Meanwhile, Laurent Cabannes, the French flanker, will miss the five nations championship because of a knee injury.

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Howe rules out England role

By Keith Pike

DON Howe yesterday dismissed reports that said he had been asked by the Football Association to take temporary charge of the England team in the wake of Graham Taylor's resignation. "I have not been offered the job and, no, I would not want it," Howe said.

Coach under Bobby Robson, Taylor's predecessor, Howe said: "I've had my go. I did ten years and that was enough. It's a good time to try other people out."

Described this week by Charles Hughes, the FA director of coaching, as "one of the best coaches in the world", Howe, 58, is presently working part-time with Newbury Town, of the Diadora League, but his experience at the highest level made him an obvious candidate for the job of caretaker-manager.

Howe won 23 England caps between 1958 and 1960 while a full back with West Bromwich Albion and later managed Albion, Arsenal and Coventry City, as well as coaching with Queens Park Rangers and Wimbledon.

The FA council will meet next Tuesday to discuss Taylor's successor and both Graham Kelly, the chief executive, and Sir Bert Millichip, the chairman, have said that it is almost certain they will appoint an interim manager for the matches against Denmark and Germany next spring.

Howe, though, believes the FA should make an immediate full-time appointment. His personal preference is for Terry Venables, who was dismissed as chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur in the summer.

"The England job is all about coaching rather than managing and Terry is a terrific coach," Howe said. "The FA should forget the problems at Tottenham and give him the job.

"He has worked with continentals and these days the game plan is so important at international level. Bobby Robson proved that at the last World Cup, switching systems according to the opposition. Terry would do the same and his appointment would be a positive step, much more positive than offering me the job of caretaker."

An alternative for the FA, Howe said, would be to appoint a manager on a match-by-match basis "to see what the job is all about".

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Sentiment swinging against Lawrence

By Louise Taylor

NOBODY on Teesside is feeling the chill more than Lennie Lawrence, manager of a Middlesbrough team that has won only two of its last 13 matches in the first division.

Sections of the crowd at Ayresome Park crowd are starting to turn against the manager and, Lawrence, candid as ever, admitted: "This is the lowest point since I came here. There is no spark about the team."

Injuries to the first-choice attacking pair, John Hendrie and Paul Wilkinson, as well as to Jamie Pollock, an outstanding midfield player, have had a lot to do with the decline. Yet Lawrence's critics believe he has been too slow to spend the £1.6 million available from the sale of Alan Kernaghan to Manchester City.

"People are screaming the place down for me to buy and I have every intention of doing so, but I'm not going to waste this club's money," Lawrence said. "I need four or five players, but we haven't got the money to do it. The most I can afford is two, possibly three, and they've got to be right."

Last week he withdrew from a deal which would have brought back from Celtic the former club captain and central defender, Tony Mowbray. Lawrence believed the asking price of £600,000 was excessive for a player who has spent much of his two years in Scotland in the treatment room.

The present atmosphere is very different from that 18 months ago when Lawrence was hoisted onto the shoulders of jubilant supporters after the team gained promotion to the Premier League.

Lawrence has admitted he allowed himself to become "carried away by the euphoria" of winning promotion less than a year after arriving from a much-admired decade at Charlton. He over-estimated Middlesbrough's capabilities and 12 months later they were relegated. Even so, the supporters remained on his side.



Lawrence: under pressure

The directors, however, were not so sure. Divided over his merits, they eventually awarded him a new one-year contract, although Lawrence's position was strengthened when Steve Gibson took over as chairman two months ago. Yet even Gibson's patience could be pushed to breaking point if there is no sign of the team regaining the sort of form they showed when beginning the season with four straight wins.

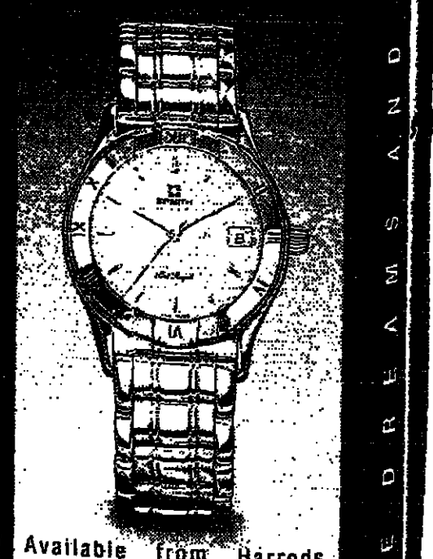
With talented players like Alan Moore, an 18-year-old left winger, falling prey to tiredness and inconsistency, the side needs a rapid injection of experience.

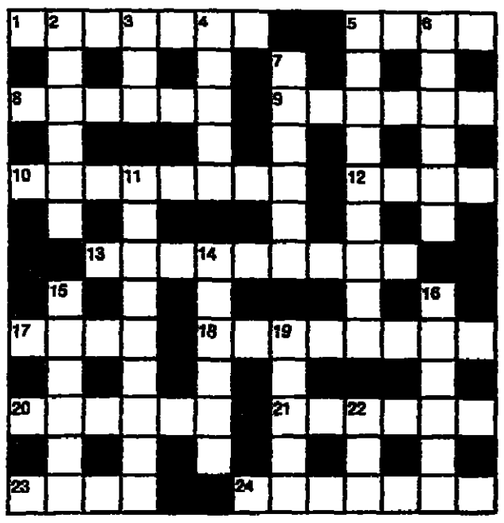
During last Sunday's 1-0 home defeat by Bolton, Lawrence gave a debut to Paul Forrester, who became the fourteenth player under 22 to represent Middlesbrough this season. As the manager said: "It's ridiculous to keep relying on the kids; the danger is they will start to go backwards."

Falling attendances — a crowd of under 7,000 for the Bolton game was Middlesbrough's lowest for seven seasons — suggests this fear is shared by supporters. Gates have dropped from an average of 18,000 two years ago to near 12,000. At this rate, falling revenue may dictate that Lawrence is allowed to spend only £1 million of the Kernaghan fee.

The last two home games have seen supporters run onto the pitch to lambast Lawrence in his dug-out. Others continue to back the manager but there are definite signs that Teesside's affection for someone who regained for the area, at least temporarily, a place among the game's aristocrats, is cooling. Rapidly.

Fate, in the form of the fixture the list, brings Charlton, the first division leaders, to Ayresome Park on Saturday. Lawrence is desperate for a win to stop the rot, even if it comes at the expense of the club he served so loyally for so long.

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No 22

ACROSS

1 Stir (7)
5 Charity (4)
8 Euphorbia, its juice formerly a purgative (6)
9 Deep blue dye-plant (6)
10 Cycle of revenge killings (8)
12 Attack with teeth (4)
13 Victory of Henry V (9)
17 Wild cat with plain dark coat (4)
18 System for fixing dates (8)
20 Learned person (6)
21 Dream (6)
23 Unexpected problem (4)
24 Limb of swimming creature (7)

DOWN

2 Wood used in Ark (6)
3 Coal-derived road surfacing (3)
4 Pleasure out of the ordinary (5)
5 Red giant, brightest in Taurus (9)
6 Powerful (6)
7 Father of Nani-Poo (6)
11 No-holds-barred type of competition (3-3-3)
14 Accuracy, minute detail (6)
15 Titian-coloured (6)
16 She demanded John the Baptist's head (6)
19 Flat (5)
22 Cheap offering in appeasement (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 21

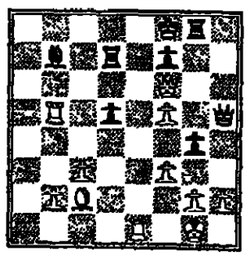
ACROSS: 7 Chair 8 Crawler 9 Ink-well 10 Brown 11 Grey 12 Multiple 15 Test-tube 16 Pink 19 Orbit 21 Illness 22 Squalid 23 Crave

DOWN: 1 Aching 2 Darkness 3 Green 4 Sabbath 5 Clio 6 Orange 8 Colour-blind 13 Price war 14 Stately 15 Taoism 17 Kismet 18 Black 20 Blue

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship, game 16. Kasparov had resigned this game without wanting to see Short's intended conclusion. How can White finish off neatly?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ESCHEAT
a. To swindle
b. Property reverting to Crown
c. The American polecat

DISCALCED
a. Disappointed
b. Undressed
c. Barefoot

FLEMENSFIRTH
a. The North Sea
b. A sally from siege
c. Entertaining an exile

GILLFLIRT
a. A saucy girl
b. An Easter bonnet
c. The mayfly

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